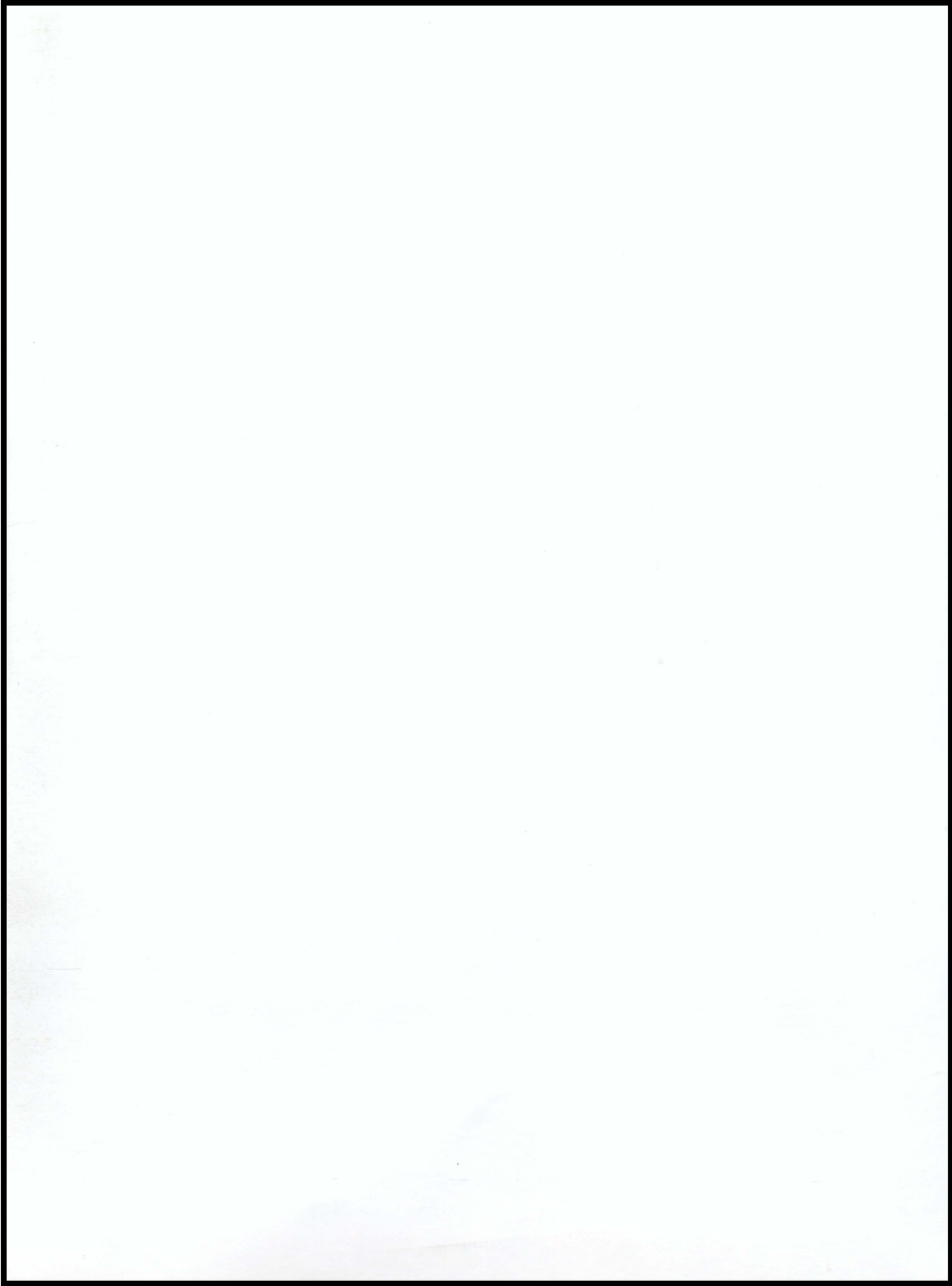
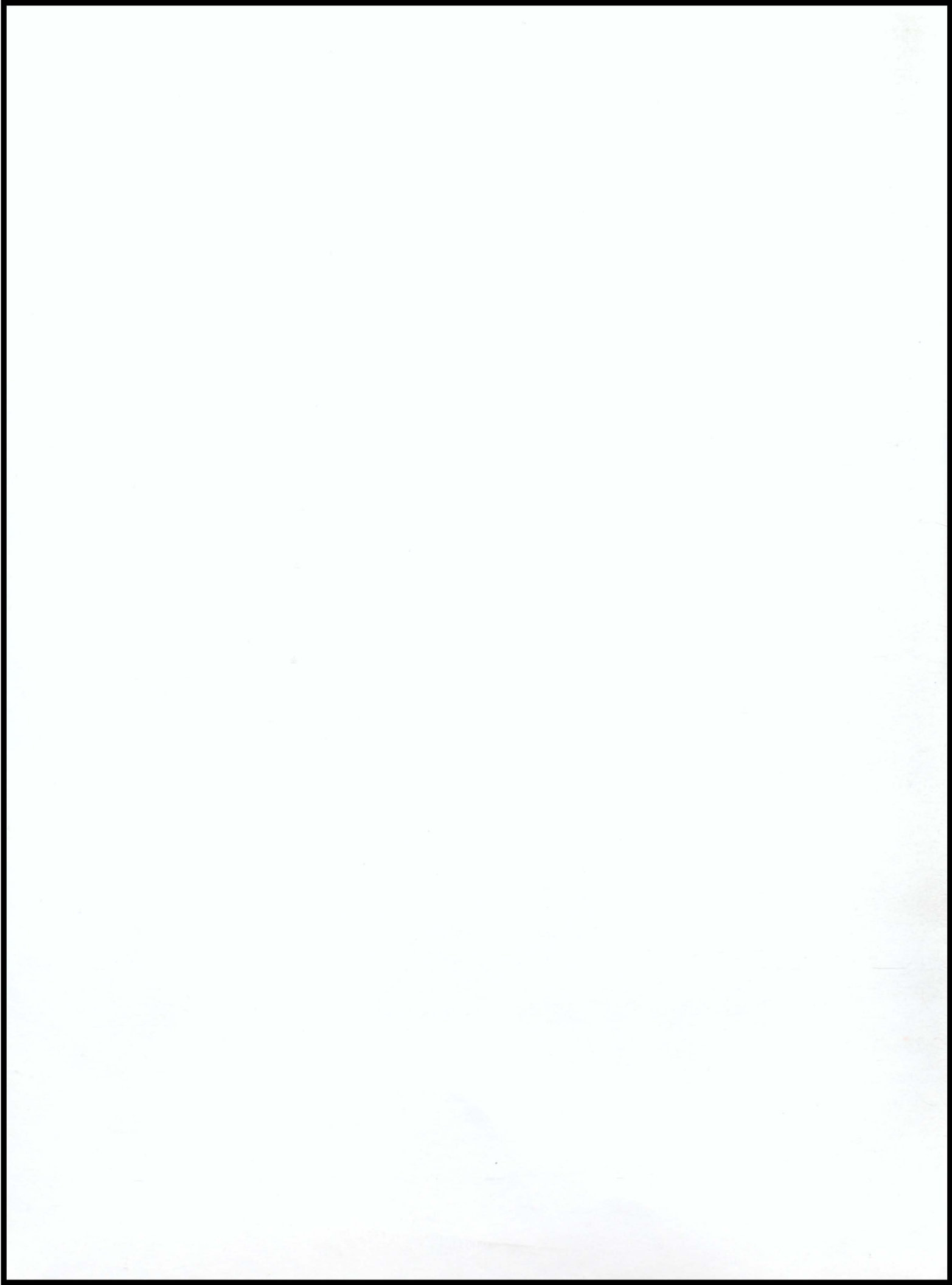




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During one of the home games, the cheerleaders performed their annual Mini Cheer Camp in front of all the fans. Girls from grades K-6 could participate in this event where cheerleaders taught them moves. Photo by: A. Adams

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Life [in]st[an]t

Memories Inspire Theme

Every student is told that their years in high school are the years that they will be telling all their friends, family, and future children about, but what they aren't told is that high school is one of the hardest parts of a teenager's life. They go through major changes and challenges. From being a freshman and not knowing where their classes are at, to being seniors crying at their graduation ceremony; high school goes by quickly.

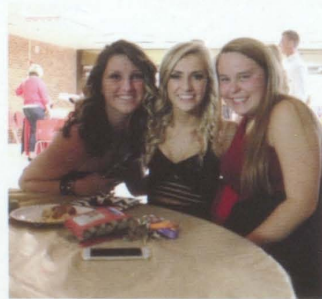
High school is four years of learning, growing up, and living in an instant. This is what Co-Editors Cynthia Martinez and Jessica McLean expressed about life and their experience throughout high school.

"We chose our theme to be [in]st[an]t, which is meant to be read as 'In an Instant', because everything we do, every choice we make, and every memory that we create, happens in an instant. We don't cherish anything until the only way we remember it is as a memory," senior Cynthia Martinez said.

"Before you get to high school everyone always tells you that it flies by but you never believe them. You are a freshman and before you know it it's graduation day and you are saying goodbye to your favorite teachers and friends. High school goes way faster than you could ever imagine and everything happens in an instant," junior Jessica McLean said.

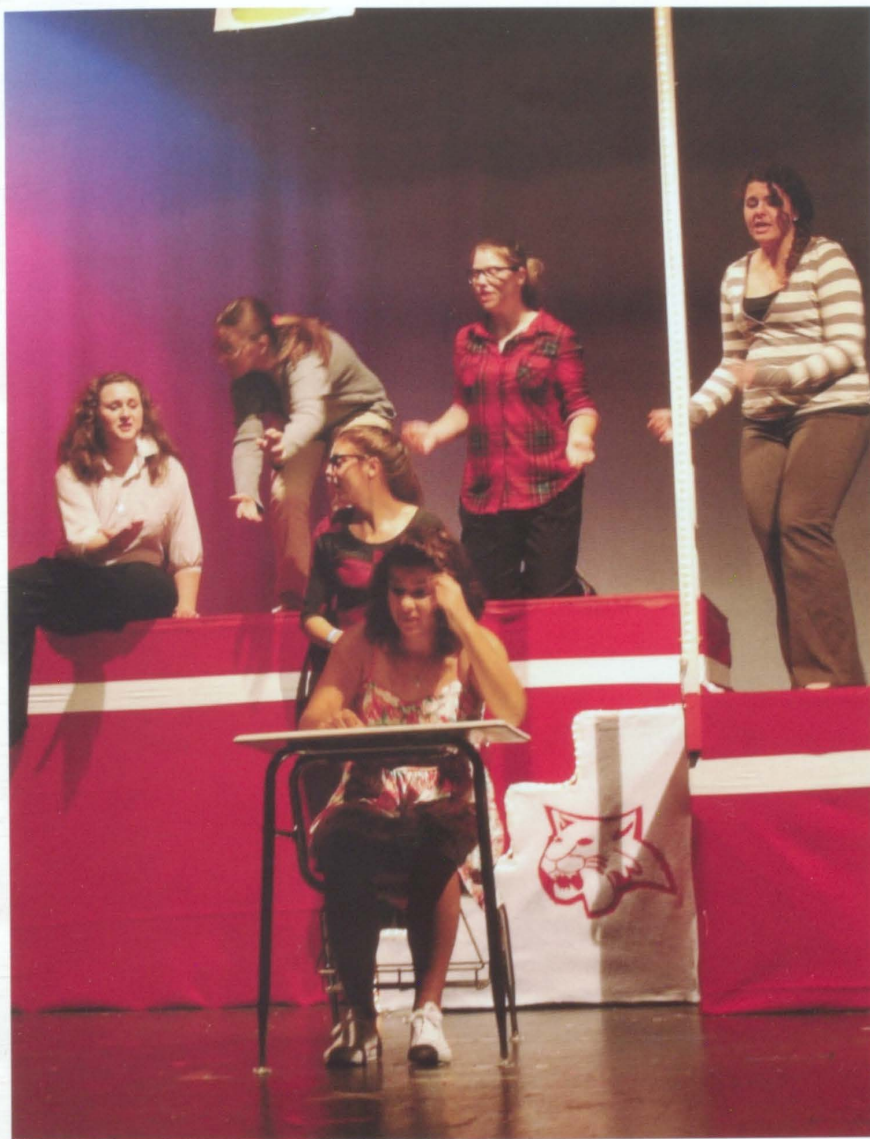
As a yearbook staff, they want to capture every important moment of the school year. They attend every sporting event, awards night, club meeting; you name it. Memories made here in the halls of Kankakee Valley High School may seem unimportant to students, but when looking back at the memories students created here, they will miss this school.

RIGHT: During the Fall Sport Awards, Madison Rowen go on to stage to receive their awards.
BELOW: Enjoying their last homecoming dance of their high school career, seniors Kiley Ferris, Brikeyla Babe, and Haley Wotherspoon pose to get their picture taken.



ABOVE: During the mini cheer camp performance, little cheerleaders would go up to the Kougars and get a hug from him for good luck.
RIGHT: Preparing to serve the ball, sophomore Travis Gawronski practices with other team members on his serve.

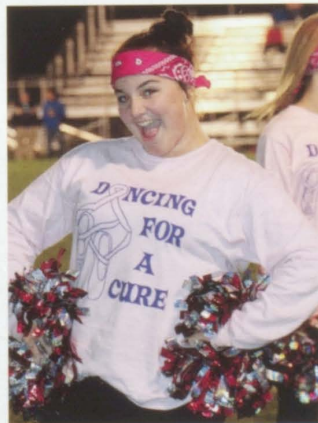




LEFT: Thespians in the school fall play "High school Musical" sing to Gabriel Montez, portrayed by senior Sarah Schaetzel, to concentrate on winning the science decathlon.

BELOW: After spiking the ball, the Freshman team huddles around each other and throw their hands up to celebrate their victory.

FAR BELOW: Enjoying the homecoming bonfire, hosted by student council, sophomore Joshua Kistler and Monzerrat Reyes hang out with friends, making memories here at KV.



LEFT: During the homecoming game, Ms. Kelly Benge's boyfriend got down on one knee in front of the whole crowd, proposing in the Kougat mascot costume.

"These are memories that I will always cherish about high school."

- Junior Katelyn Eger



PHOTO BY: ELIZABETH EVANS

[FALL]

Loud cheers, painted faces, dedicated fans, and school spirit. That's what Fall is all about. Whether it is football games, homecoming, or the warm weather, Fall has it all.



RIGHT: Juniors Ally Schumacher, Valentin Peterson, Matthew Misner, and Emily Pearson pose together in the early hours of the Homecoming dance. Photo by: C.Martinez



BELOW: Having homecoming just began, seniors Haylie Wheeler, Gavin Coppage, Sarah Kerkes, and Faith Hoffman go towards the dance floor. Photo by: C.Martinez



Dance your feet off!

Making Memories Last a Lifetime

The band members earned their way into the homecoming dance this year. The dance was moved to the weekend before the Friday football game. Marching band never had the chance to attend the homecoming dance because the weekend of the dance was when they had their ISSMA competition. For many years, Marching band had to make their own separate dance, making them seem like they were separate from their other students at KV. This didn't discourage the members, as they

would make their own dance with the help of their band leader.

Although the dance was moved, Marching band still wanted to keep the tradition of having their own separate dance.

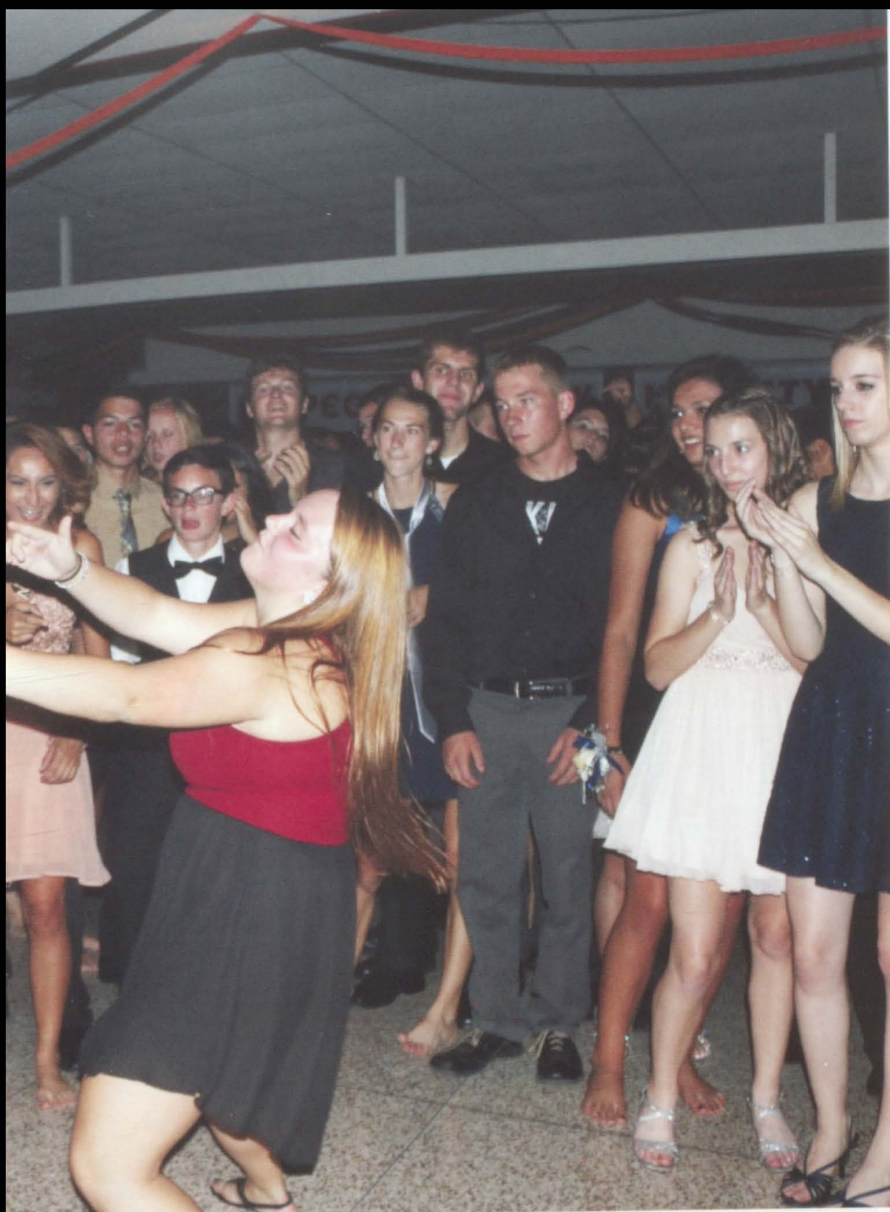
Mariah Salyers, a flute player says,

"I like having a separate band dance. We create our own theme and only have fun with people we know."

Although for the first time in KV history the dance was before spirit week, students could still enjoy the

dance without knowing who would be Homecoming queen and king. Students still made the best of it and participated enthusiastically in spirit week.





LEFT: Nick Byars and Haley Wotherspoon dance together around a group of people during the Homecoming dance.

BELOW: Ashlee Drinski and Mileidi Barraza Bravo pose together during the dance.



ABOVE: Freshmen Abigail Adams, Michael Smiejek, Sasha Hachlica, Hunter Knutson, Charles Miller, and Ashur Adams all pose together during the Homecoming dance. All of them had a great time together as a group.

LEFT: The Homecoming court line up with their dates, posing for a picture during the Homecoming dance. Seniors Trevor Wieseman and Maddison Lawrence won the Homecoming King and Queen.

Five Days to Show Spirit!

May the Odds Be Ever in Your Favor

For many years, the homecoming dance would come after homecoming week and the football game, but for the first time ever, homecoming dance was held first, then homecoming week followed it. Juniors Sierra Sears gave her opinion on the situation:

"To be honest, having the dance before having our spirit week made everything feel backwards. Having spirit week before the dance gets us pumped up and ready for the dance, but it just didn't feel like that this year," Sears said.

Although everything was out of

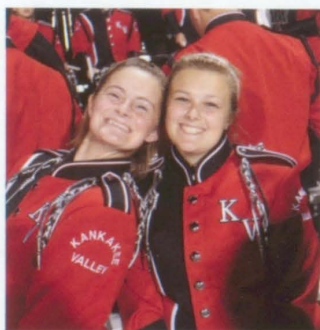
order, students still enjoyed the spirit week and some participated in the dress day's theme, along with the staff and teachers.

Student council has been in charge of choosing the theme for homecoming week, which was "The Hunger Games" to be the center of the theme for this homecoming week.

"The theme this year seemed hard to pull off, but seeing all teachers and students dressing up like they would in the movie looked cool," said senior Andrew Carter.



RIGHT: Senior Brooke Meadows and are getting ready to preform at the homecoming game. KV went against South Newton and won.



RIGHT: Having the local Ford dealership let the school borrow their trucks for the crowning ceremony, Alexander Gronkiewicz and Andrea Black hold their hands high in the air as nominees for Homecoming Court.

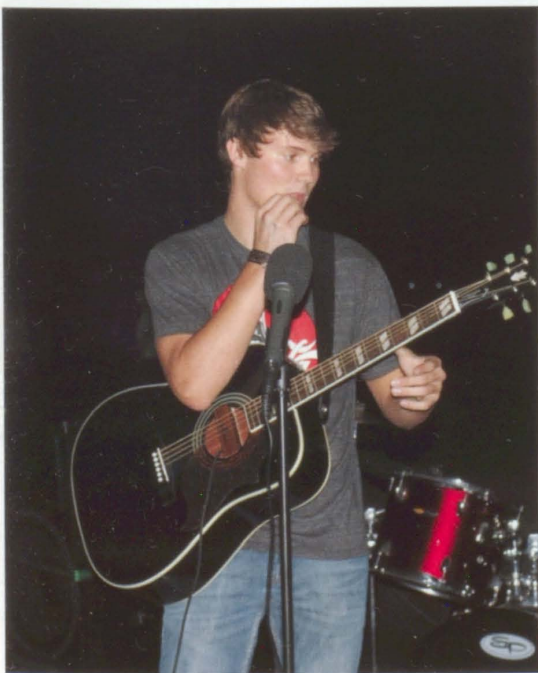




LEFT: Having just been crown Queen and King, seniors Trevor Wiesemann and Maddison Lawrence enjoy the moment as many fans cheer on their victory.

BELOW: French 3 students participated in Super fan day, each representing one of the powderpuff girls playing.

BOTTOM: Enjoying their game on an amazing sunset, the Varsity football players play their best, that eventually leads them to a win against South Newton.



BELOW: The foreign language teachers participated in Capital day by dressing up as the character of The Hunger Games.



Moments On the Field

The Barrel: Welcome Home

The Kankakee Valley Kougars and the Rensselaer Bombers have been major rivals for many years. One of the biggest accomplishments this season for the Kougar team was beating the Bombers and bringing the barrel back to the Kankakee Valley trophy case.

"To be honest, when the Bombers won the state championship last year, not very many people expected a winning result, but when the final countdown came, we won. Them being our biggest rival, we ran around the parking lot screaming 'We won!'" said junior Katelyn Eger. They trained long and hard for their win and it payed off in the long run. The battle ended up being one of the most attended games of the entire season. At the end of the season, some of the varsity players won conference awards. Juniors Aron Ceglarek and Darin Kapella won 1st team while seniors; James Elliott and Darrick Webster received 2nd team, and David Williams earned an honorable mention.



ABOVE: The Highland Trojans offense lines up against the Kougar defense in preparation for the next play. On October 9th the northwest crossroads showdown resulted in a 7 to 9 loss for Kankakee Valley.



LEFT: During the loss to Lowell, junior Payton Gutwein lines up near the 30 yard line preparing to defend a pass from the opposing quarterback. Lowell went on to give the team its first loss of the season.

BELOW: The team huddles before the final game of the season against Munster. Before the game, the team celebrated the seniors' accomplishments in front of the crowd.



LEFT: Brian Tucker, sophomore, is running and preparing to kick the ball down the field to the opposing team, changing possession and giving the other team a chance to score.



ABOVE: The Kougar offense lines up against the Munster defense near the goal line. In the battle versus the visiting Mustangs the Kougars fell short with a score of 14 to 34.



TOP: Senior James Elliot is walking out at the senior night football game with his parents and grandfather.

ABOVE: Freshman Jaxon Grace is practicing his passes before the big game with his fellow varsity teammates. Before every game the players would practice and boost their morale

TOP RIGHT: Seniors are walking hand in hand into the big game.

RIGHT: Varsity players line up to face off against the defensive

BOTTOM RIGHT: Kougar fans form a tunnel to cheer on their favorite team.





Going for the Win

ABOVE: Rushing towards the field, the varsity football players prepare for their big game.

TOP LEFT: The Kougars were lining up at the 20 yard line to defend the ball and keep the opposing team from getting a touchdown.

BOTTOM LEFT: During the month of October, the football team partnered with the American Cancer Society in its fight against breast cancer awareness and research. Varsity players show their support by wearing pink socks.

RIGHT: Running towards the end zone, junior Gabrielle DeSimini tries to maneuver around senior Cherise Parker. "The game was definitely a tough one for the juniors, but it felt amazing getting a touchdown and I'm hoping for a much better outcome next year," said DeSimini.

BELOW: As the juniors go through a tough fight against the seniors, the student section supports them.

FAR BELOW: Mr. Jeff Martin stands with all the mascots, waiting to get ready for all the activities he had planned for halftime.



Getting Everyone Involved

Mr. Martin Steps Up Activities

Trying to get the community more involved, Mr. Jeff Martin decided to have fun activities take place during halftime of the junior versus senior game. From an inflatable obstacle course to a football toss, the entertainment never stopped. There was even a field goal kicking competition that anyone could enter for a dollar and attempt to kick a football through the uprights. The idea was successful because there was a large turnout in the end and the program raised money. The junior class even had a student cheer section that consisted of all grade levels. Through all of the fun, the freshmen and seniors came out on top; both won their games against the sophomores and juniors, respectively.



LEFT: Sophomore Sarah Starr runs the ball towards the other end of the field after a hand off from fellow teammate RaeAnna Carter. The sophomores fell just short of the win in the game against the freshmen with a score of 38 to 28.



LEFT: As teammates block, freshman Riley Grace runs east towards the goal line. Grace played a prominent roll in the hard fought battle.

FAR LEFT: Junior quarterback Jessica Vasquez runs around the right side of the defensive line. "It was pretty difficult for us to go against the seniors, having only two weeks to prepare. We put our all out on the field and next year should be even better," said Vasquez.

BOTTOM: The sophomore team huddles up before the game to encourage each other. The team ran out onto the field to a mixture of different popular songs.



Time to talk Business

Meaningful Experiences



1. Breaking the Ice Logan Abbring, senior, Kyle Rae, senior, and Tyler Kinney, senior, all do an activity together on their chromebooks and their phones to practice for district competition. Photo by: T. Blanco

2. Business Work Cordell Hart, sophomore, focuses in on their annual meeting to get them prepared for their upcoming state competition. Mr. Pulido lead the meeting. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen



Business Professionals of America is an interactive club associated with the business classes. They hold many competitions and have fundraisers like selling pies and getting students and staff involved for their annual three-on-three basketball tourney. BPA was very privileged to participate in Regionals and won. State will be the next step. A participant in the district competition, Shawn Stephenson, senior said, "I had a lot of fun while remaining serious. It was a great day. I met a lot of new people and got to hang out with some of my friends, but the best part was taking home first place." Emily Poe, senior, also go to participate in the district competition and enjoys BPA too. She said, "I enjoy the competition. Being as professional as I can be and competing with videos I create, BPA is really an eye-opening experience."

BPA is more than just competitions that prepare students for their futures. Tiffany Hansel, senior, said, "I wanted to further my attention into journalism. I had taken yearbook and newspaper, and I needed more experience on camera, and not just on paper. This class has really helped me improve my skills." Autumn Fagenbaum, also a senior, loves to be in BPA. She said, "One of my favorite things about BPA is getting the chance to experience what the real world is like, and getting to work as a team to accomplish awesome projects." BPA is more than just a club and will potentially help students in their future. Charles Fase, sophomore, concludes, "I enjoyed meeting new people. One of the greatest parts about BPA is when we get to use our social, team, and problem solving skills."



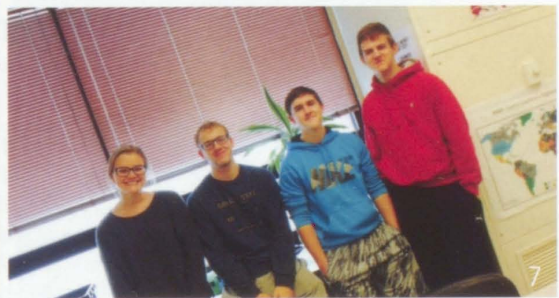
3. Business Has it Rewards Mr. Barnes and seniors James Elliott, Darrick Webster, and Tyler Kinney enjoy a good laugh after a night full of fun. They announce the results after the tourney by showing the brackets. It was a tough competition. Mr. Barnes' team was proclaimed as the winner! Photo by: T. Blanco. **4. Buisness Party Time** Mr. Pulido joins in on the BPA's annual Christmas party with pizza and soda for everyone! It was a time of celebration after doing well at district. Photo by: T. Blanco





5. Tape Him Up! Junior Payton Gutwein puts his tape on assistant principal Mr. Skrobol to the door during B lunch. BPA sold 6 inch strands of duct tape to place on one of the assistant principals during lunch to raise money for Nationals in Boston. Photo by: S. Mitchell

6. Celebration time! All of the BPA members who participated in the district competition are full of smiles after a huge success and moving on to state. Photo by: T. Blanco 7. Smile Big! Sarah Ganzeveld, junior, Logan Abbring, senior, Jonah Masick, sophomore, and Cordell Hart, sophomore, all pose after officer elections before the party. Photo by: T. Blanco



8. All about Business! Kyle Rae, senior, loves to be in BPA and looks forward to pursuing his dream in business. He says, "I joined BPA because I have always been interested in business, and I feel like the things I am learning in it and will apply to a lot of my future." Photo by: T. Blanco 9. BPA Gone Wild! Kyle Kamminga, junior, acts crazy at their 3-on-3 tourney event to raise money for the club. He sure got all of the crowd up on their feet! Photo by: T. Blanco

"I enjoy the fact that I can use my skills and talents to take part in a great experience building competition."

- James Wunderlich



Troy 1 When asked how he felt about getting the role of Troy, sophomore, Mitchell Calderone replied, "I was excited to play Troy, but I was sort of nervous when I got sick, I freaked out, worried that Ms. Steiner would be furious." Photo By: E. Evans



Gabriella Sarah Schaezel poses for a selfie after being chosen for the female lead part: "As production assistant and this being my 15th production, I was honored to have the cast we did and be a part of an almost sold-out show!" said senior, Sarah Schaezel. Photo By: E. Evans



Troy 2 When asked if he felt pressure to take over Mitchell Calderone's lines, sophomore, Nicholas Skrobul, said, "Not as much as I expected to. It was a major shock at first but I did what I had to. The show must go on after all." Photo By: E. Evans



High School Musical

Getcha Head in the Game

New, classes, new school year, and new plays! Once school started, theater arts began holding auditions for people who wanted to be part of the fall play. This year, Mrs. Steiner chose High School Musical. "I choose High School Musical, because some of the senior veterans and I were looking for something different from what we have done and that would have a large cast. This is a show they suggested, something they all knew well and loved watching as kids. So I embraced what they wanted and put on this high energy musical that was a lot of fun to do" Mrs. Steiner said when asked why she chose High School Musical as the fall play.

Once people auditioned they started to find out who had gotten which roles. Sophomore, Gerrit Ooms, said "When I found out I had gotten the role, I was excited since I didn't want too big of a role. The initial few weeks were easy as we mostly learned our parts and where we were supposed to be. Overall lines took three weeks. It wasn't horribly stressful but it took a long time, but it was all great. I enjoyed being part of the play, and would audition to be in another play." It took lots of practicing and hard work, but at the end of the day the play was a success and a lot of people enjoyed it!



4. Playing Along This picture captures the scene in the play where the brainiacs and the jocks are planning on how they will get Troy and Gabriella back together. Photo By: K. Kohlhagen

5. 1,2,3 Cheese At the end of the play everybody who was part of the play got in for a memorable picture. Photo By: J. Steiner

6. Smile for the Camera Sophomores Donelle Birch, Derek Kaluf, Mitchell Calderone, and senior Alex Villalpando decided to capture a quick selfie before High School Musical began. Photo By: M. Dodge

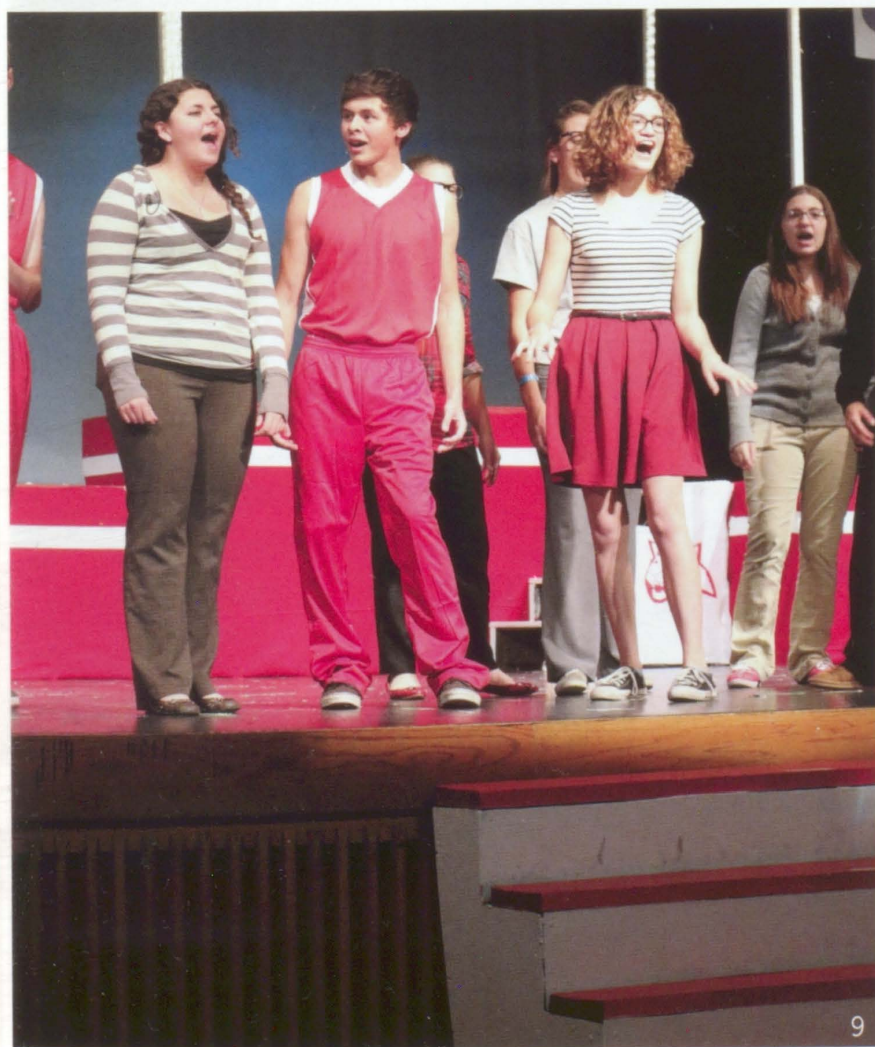




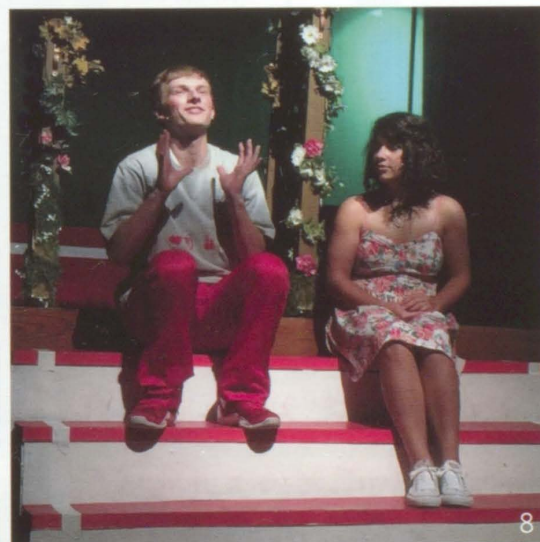
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7. Sing it Out At the end of the play, everybody that was part of the play danced the last song together. Photo By: K. Kohlhausen



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8. Together: Senior, Haylie Wheeler, Evan Balboa, and sophomore Melanie Dobija sang the song "We are all in this together," as a scene for the musical. Photo By: K. Kohlhausen

9. Returning again: After being sick, sophomore Mitchell Calderone returned to the musical performing the garden scene with senior, Sarah Schaezel. Photo By: S. Donovan

It's All About Form

1. **Just Having Fun** Senior Austin Abbring shows his enjoyment of tennis during a match. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen
 2. **Putting** Junior Bailey Flick prepares to hit the golf ball at the golf meet. He hopes to do well and earn points for his team, so they can win. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen
 3. **Running For It** Sophomore Travis Gawronski runs for the ball before it hits the ground again. Photo by: A. Valenzuela
 4. **Hit That** Junior Cameron Hemphill practices his swing in order to hit the ball harder as far and as accurately as possible. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen
 5. **Practice Hard** Sophomore Austin Atterbury said, "My most memorable moment in tennis was the start of every match. Once the team broke away from our pre-game chat, I knew that everyone was going to play to their hearts content." Photo by: R. Deulley



6. **Staying Focused** Senior Jarred Stemper stays focused on the ball and runs for it before it hits the ground twice. He rushes to make sure he returns it to the other team so his team doesn't lose a point. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen
 7. **Prepared** Freshman Austin Martakis waits patiently and prepares to receive the ball from the opposing team, making sure that he is well prepared to score a point for his team. Photo by: R. Deulley





Just Having Fun

This year the boys tennis had a very good season. Even if they were tired, they would practice every day because practice makes perfect. They would practice every day to ensure that they were fully prepared to play against other schools.

Even though they did play against other schools, the whole point of their team was not just to win and be competitive; the purpose was to also have fun and enjoy the game while playing and practicing. "I have played tennis for two years and the best thing about playing is the loose environment. Our teams were always close, we felt like a family and it made playing tennis a very enjoyable time," said senior Austin Abbring. So, not only did they have fun while winning, the teammates also came to identify themselves as part of a family and treat each other that way.

"We all did amazing this season and we encouraged each other to get better. My game as a tennis player improved greatly and I became a much more offensive hitter rather than a defensive player," said senior Trevor Wiesemann.

Although they probably won't play tennis forever, during high school they got the opportunity to play in a sport and have fun.

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8. Whack It Senior Trevor Wiesemann waits patiently for the ball to arrive for him to hit it with the racket. Photo by: R. Deulley

9. Prepping The boys golf team ensures that they have all the equipment they need in order to have a successful day and match at the golf course. They boys also wait patiently for their turn to golf. Photo by: K. Kohlhaugen

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1. Something to Chew On

Sophomore Hannah Wiesemann and sophomore Karsen Boone cut and braid old t-shirts to donate as dog toys at Lakeshore PAWS. "I think my favorite thing is taking trips to Lakeshore PAWS and volunteering for the day while getting to play with all the dogs!" explained sophomore Mckenzie Cecil. Photo by: E. Evans

2. Touch of Dutch Sophomore Brooke Purnea sits at the Council of Student Leaders table during the Touch of Dutch that took place over the summer. Photo by: StuCo

3. Lead or Lead Not... There is No Try Senior Hunter Ahrendt and Junior Keegan Jones present information to the members at a council of student leaders meeting. They discussed upcoming events, such as Riley's Night and ironed out some minor details. Photo by: E. Evans



Student Leaders

Serving the Community

Throughout the year, Council of Student Leaders does a lot to help out far and near in the community while setting high goals for themselves and learning to be leaders. One of those goals includes raising money for Riley's Childrens Hospital. Setting the goal at \$2,000, the students put together a night full of fun called "Riley's Night" on February 27. During Riley's Night, those who attended were met with games, music, and much more all put together by the students of the Council. Thanks to local businesses who donated money for the event, and everyone who attended the night, every ounce of money that was collected and donated went to Riley's Childrens Hospital.

The Council of Student Leaders took on a lot of service projects such as collecting stuffed animals during Homecoming week for the first

responders to give to children; the annual food drive and donut breakfast at the end of the first semester; and collecting non-perishable toiletry items to donate to those in need.

Council of Student Leaders also made a trip out to Lake Shore Paws in Valparaiso to volunteer at the animal shelter. The Council gathered dog toys to donate to the precious dogs.

"Student Council is made up of the nicest people you'll ever meet. Yes, they can be annoying at times, but we are like one big family, and I wouldn't trade it for the world," expressed sophomore Hannah Wiesemann.

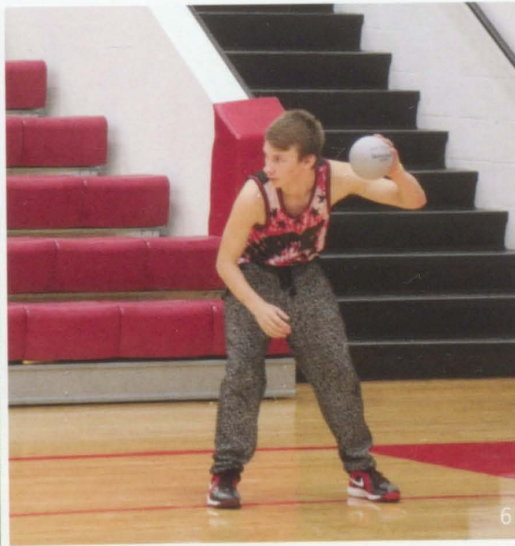
The Council of Student Leaders puts together countless other selfless fundraisers and service projects for the community yearly to help those in need and to help the less fortunate.



4. Veteran's Day Everything comes together gracefully at the Veterans Day program where the community banded together to appreciate and celebrate those who served our country. Photo by: L. Smith

5. Cornhole: Sophomores Maris Dodge and Jonathan Patton indulge in a game of bags at the annual Homecoming bonfire put on by the Council of Student Leaders. Photo by: E. Evans

6. Dodge This Sophomore Cody Bencze prepares to throw a dodge ball in hope to defend his team at the council of student leaders organized dodge ball tournament. Photo by: E. Evans



7. Cooking Out Junior Keegan Jones grills a delicious meal for the annual Homecoming bonfire. Photo by: E. Evans

8. Donuts? Yes, Please Alexandra Brizek, 12, Keegan Jones, 11, Brooke Purnea, 10, Noah Witkowski, 10, Gavin Tillema, 10, Kaitlyn Saxon, 10, Shannon Urbano, 10, Hannah Wiesemann, 10, Casey Hennings, 12, Sydney Capouch, 12, Mckenzie Cecil, 10, Hunter Ahrendt, 12, pose for a picture after another successful Food Drive for the Donut Breakfast Photo by: StuCo



Winning Sectionals

One of the biggest accomplishments of the season for the players was winning sectionals for the first time in eleven years. Though in the beginning it was tough for the girls, they still managed to give it their all.

"We started off the season on a rough start with a lot of position switching and tough losses but ended the season on a strong note with a sectional win," said junior Madison Rowen.

As the girls' season came to an end, they had to deal with some difficult news. One of the team's coaches, Ms. Baysinger, left.

"I think the coaching staff has changed because a lot of player looked up to her. She has been there since I was a freshmen, and I'm sure many people are going to miss her. It won't be the same without her coaching!" exclaimed junior Emily Dahm.

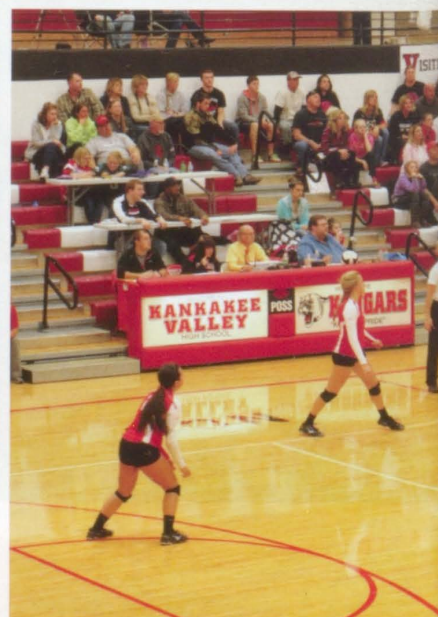
Even though the team had these obstacles they still came out on top of their season.

"Near the end of the season, we started experiencing more loses and tough games and some people stopped believing us so we knew that we would have to work extra hard if we wanted to pull it off. We definitely shaped up and got KV volleyball our first sectional win in eleven years, so it was very exciting for us and our whole program," said junior Britney Hoffman.

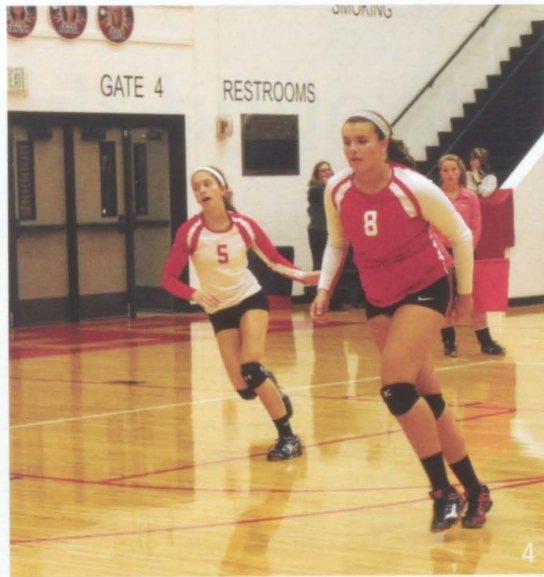
1. Game over! The girls of KV and Lowell prepare to officially end the game on a positive note by showing good sportsmanship, and giving each other high fives under the home net to say "good game". Photo By: A.Valenzuela

2. Get Ready. In the heat of the moment, junior Emily Dahm watch and prepare just in case the ball comes their way. During the games teamwork is important to help each other be sucessful in getting the ball over the net. Photo By: A.Valenzuela

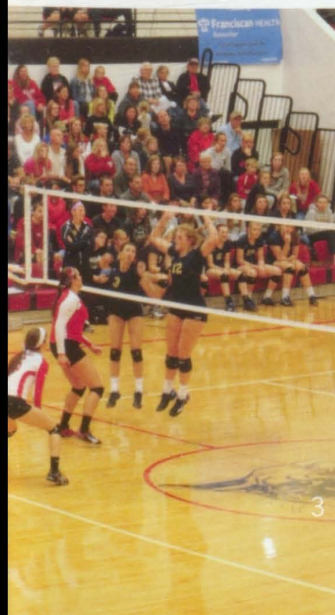
3. Heads up! The girls prepare to spike the ball against the girls' volleyball team from Griffith. Photo By: L. Riffe



Not So Soft Serve!



4. A race to the net! During the match Lindsey Stokes, 11 and Jillian Warner, 12 swiftly move across the floor, and towards the net in an attempt to score a point. Photo By: K. Kohlhagen 5. Serves Up! Senior Alyssa Hoffman throws the ball up in the air as she prepares to serve it to the opposing team. Photo By: K. Kohlhagen 6. Set, Spike! The girls attentively watch as Britney Hoffman, 11 jumps to spike the ball, while Kayla Paige and Breanna Toppen, 12, are prepared to assist her in case she misses. Photo By: C. Martinez 7. Game on! The girls break from a team huddle after getting pumped up in preparation for the game. Photo By: L. Riffe 8. Rooting for the team! A portion of the team is taking a break and watching their other teammates play as they root and cheer for them. Photo By: L. Riffe 9. Bump, set, spike! Freshman Emily Allen gets into position to pump out a bump to keep the ball from getting over the net. Photo By: R. Deulley 10. Huddle up! Mrs. Maple calls a team huddle mid-game to talk over the team's plans and give a brief pep talk to the team. Photo By: A. Valenzuela



Making a Racquet Around the World

One Swing at a Time

Table Tennis is one of the most popular racquet sports in the world, and it's popular here too. Since table tennis is still a fairly new club, the amount of members wanting to join are through the roof. The two co-founders, seniors Jared Stemper and Austin Abbring, of table tennis had to make some serious cuts with over 60 students wanting to join in on the fun. With the co-founders hard work and the help from their advisor, Mr. Timothy Stewart, they were able to procure seven tables for their club.

"I have always played table tennis with my friends, and I know it is a very social game. So, I thought it would be a great addition to KV's other clubs," Stemper said.

Table Tennis isn't the only club doing fun things; the Foreign Language Club had student teacher, Mrs. Ozana Paraga, come in and talk to the club about her heritage and her life growing up as Croatian in Chicago. Foreign Language Club dedicated a whole month to learning about Croatia and eating some of their traditional foods.

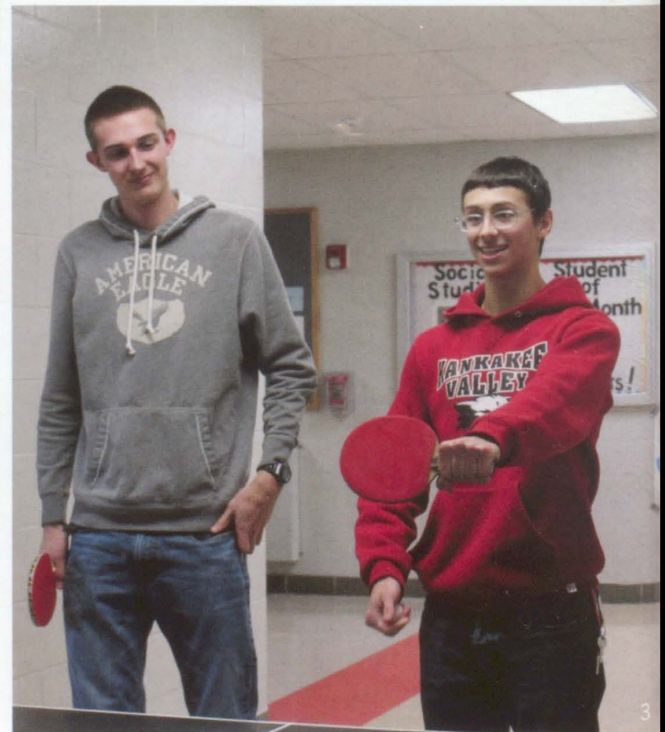
The next month, the members dedicated their time to France. Senior Casey Hennings did a presentation about what her summer in France was like; Casey Hennings and junior Elizabeth Evans taught the members a traditional French dance; and to tie off the semester, decorated the Foreign Language hallway for Christmas. After asking junior, Lorraine Howard why she joined the club, she said, "I joined Foreign Language Club because I've always had an interest in learning about different cultures. Everyone in the club is so nice and we always have fun together."

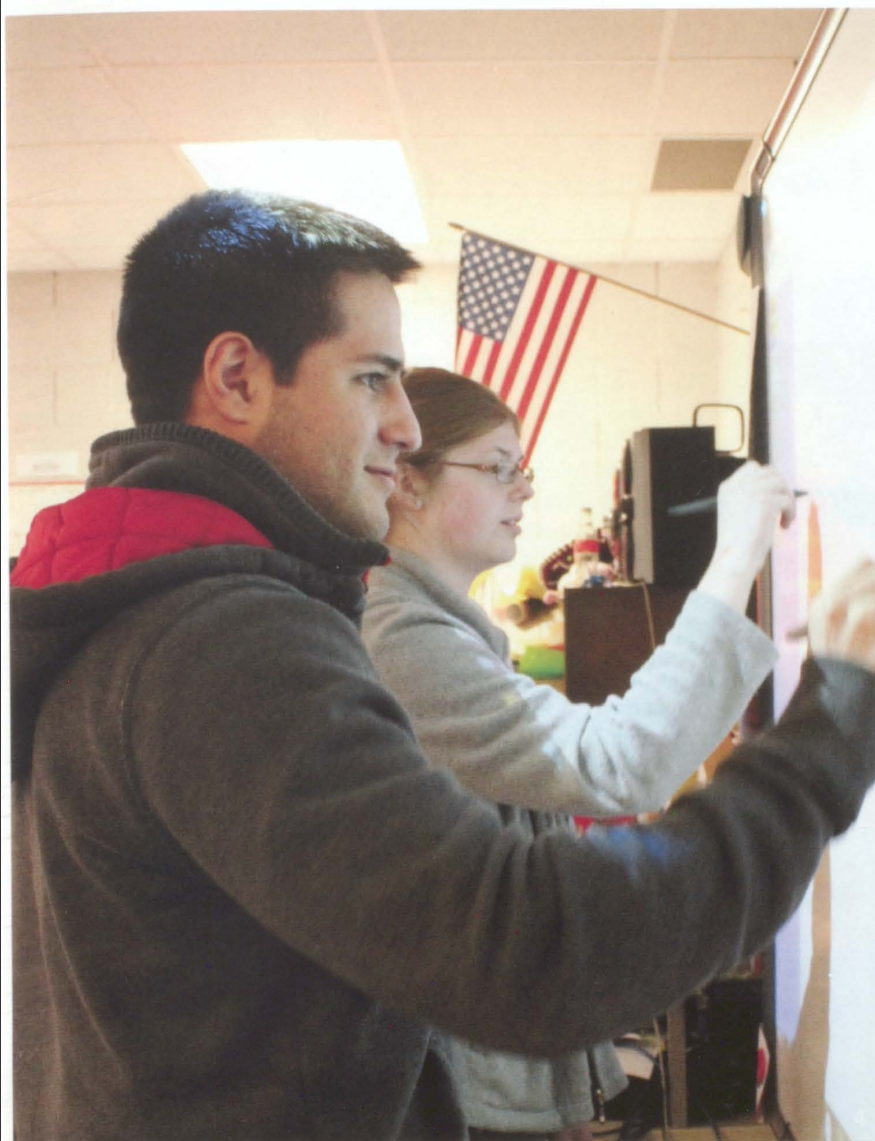


1. **Game's On** Senior Isaac Tillema hits the ball back to his opponent, Hunter Ahrendt. Photo By: E. Evans

2. **Paddle Master** Senior Hunter Ahrendt gets ready to hit the ball back to Isaac Tillema. Hunter, not deterred by Isaac's serve, effortlessly continues their back and forth.

Photo By: E. Evans 3. **Look At the Flick of that Wrist** Senior Brett Fase and Jared Stemper face their opponents, Austin Abbring and Edwin Jefferson, in another intense game of Table Tennis. Photo By: E. Evans





4. Race You to the Board Seniors Oscar Gutierrez Medel and Cheyann Odle play Spanish board races at Foreign Language Club's annual Valentines Day party. The two of them race to draw the best casa, or house. Photo By: E. Evans 5.

Teaching Croatia Student teacher, Mrs. Ozana Paraga, stand at the Promethean board giving a presentation about her home country, Croatia. Her slideshow consisted of pictures with her and her family visiting Croatia, maps and pictures, and fun facts of the country. Photo By: E. Evans 6. Écoute Seniors Casey Hennings and Katelynd Kessinger sit and listen contently to Mrs. Ozana Paraga give her presentation. 7. Manger, Comer, Essen! Sophomore Cassandra Abell and Madyson Born stack their plates with the delicious food provided for the Valentine's Day party. Photo By: E. Evans

8. Let's Bounce Sophomore Austin Atturbury gets ready to serve the ping pong ball to his opponent. The two began their face-off in an intense game of Table Tennis. Photo By: E. Evans 9. Scatter! Freshman Sonya Odle laughs at some of the ridiculous cards placed down during a game of Apples to Apples during a Foreign Language Club meeting. Photo By: E. Evans

Keep Calm and March On

Goodbye is Bittersweet

When you join a club, a sport, an after school activity, or an academic class; if you enjoy it, you decide to do it every year. You have a blast and start to grow together as a family, but it doesn't last forever. Senior year becomes the hardest year, because you have to start saying goodbye to everyone. For senior Brooke Meadows, being in band was incredible, and teaching junior Emily Pearson to be a band major was great too. "Being a drum major has been a dream of mine for years, and I loved every minute of marching band. I can't wait to see how Emily leads the band next year, she's going to do great!" Emily Pearson felt the same way, "Being a band major was incredible! It was amazing to stand in front of the band and have a chance to lead. I'm already excited for next season."

Even though it's sad, you don't forget about all the accomplishments you made throughout your time in band. Kankakee Valley marching band/color guard had a successful year. They were privileged to place gold at ISSMA and they received many other awards on their performance.

Although it's sad saying goodbye for seniors, they also welcome new freshmen to become part of the family. "I feel like marching band is a great way to make new friends and find common hobbies. I like that I am able to express myself through music and being able to always have fun!" said freshmen, Hunter Deyoung when asked how he felt about being part of band. All of the band/guard members are sad to have all of the seniors leaving, but on the other hand they are ready to take on the responsibility and guide the incoming freshman to welcome them into the family, just like the seniors did with them.



1. Smile! "I have been part of this family since 6th grade and I couldn't ask for a better experience. The directors, assistants, and students are some of the best people you could meet. Truly a great experience," said Kyle Hawrot, senior drum major. Photo by: S. Mitchell 2. Keeping it beat Abigail Earle and Tylor Gouwens practice on the bass drums for their drum line positions. Photo by: E. Evans



3. Whoosh! Ashley Sanders, senior wraps up her last practice twirling the flag with her friends Anna and Emma. "Leaving color guard makes me so upset! The guard is my family. We have come to be so close!! I will miss them so much!! It is so hard to leave them behind." Photo by: E. Evans 4. Practice comes first. Jessica Sipkema, sophomore, Anna Byrom, Junior and Katelyn Eger start to begin practice with their rifles. Katelyn Eger, Junior says, "The thing that I enjoy most about color guard is getting to do it with the people I love: I have been in guard for awhile now, and it's what I look forward too." Photo by: L. Riffe





5. March on! When asked how she felt about being in color guard, sophomore Jessica Sipkema, said "I enjoy the quality time with my guard family. Throughout the season, we became so close. We have fun while being productive." Photo By: M. Sheptock 6.

Senior night. Haylie Wheeler, Ally Schumacher, and Alex Villalpando are some of the many Marching Band seniors that enjoyed a bittersweet moment during Senior Night on October 16 during half time.

Photo by: S. Mitchell 7. Let the trumpets play! Brianne Swafford junior, Noah Johnson, senior, and Isabella LeGrand, freshman play loud and proud on their trumpets after KV football Kougars score another point at the game. Photo by: J. McLean



8. Line Up! Emily Searer, junior, and Amanda Greathouse, junior lead the flutes when they begun to march forward after the drum majors lead. Photo by: E. Evans

9. Free Time! Derek Kaluf, sophomore pretends to fly during a break they had after practice. Stevan Perez sophomore says, I enjoy playing the music and being around my peers, also the time and effort put into a performance." Photo by: E. Evans

"Being able to receive gold at our competitions with the feeling after and having the ability to say that I am apart of one of the best marching bands in the Midwest."

- Emily Searer, 11



Farming's Future

FFA worked together and taught each other to make a business out of cattle and crops. "FFA is an amazing experience that teaches me about leadership and responsibility. I love being able to participate in all of the activities and getting to meet other people. Go FFA!" said sophomore Katlyn Kohlhausen. FFA helps to create a bigger and better Future Farmers of America.

FFA helps to keep out highway clean and safe through the adopt a highway program. Road 10 is sparkling, due to our future farmers, along with the help of Enviromental Club.

Kankakee Valley is one of the few schools in the area that still allows student to drive farm tractors from home to school.

"I enjoyed having the chance to go to the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky and being able to meet people from all over the country, and spending time with some of the best friends I have on the way down there and back home," said junior Natalie Wagner.



1. Living The Life Max Maglio, Norvin "Buddy" Hilton, Connor Carlson-Burke, Bryan Sipkema, Edwin Jefferson, Laura Odle, Natalie Wagner, and Taylor Bacewic pose by the school bus. Photo by: L. Smith

2. Cleaning It Up Adopt-a-Highway member junior Faith Edwards works hard to drag the trash bag down road 10. Followed by seniors Emma Abbring and Taylor Bacewic. Photo by: L. Smith

3. Serving It Up Senior Emma Abbring enjoys cooking pork chops for the FFA member auction. Photo by: L. Smith

4. Say Cheese! Junior Connor Carlson-Burke and Natalie Wagner, and seniors Taylor Bacewic, and Cody Moore pose for the camera during an FFA meeting. Photo by: L. Smith

Go FFA

Cross Country

Reaching accomplishments

RIGHT: Senior Kaila Moskalick strives to make it to the finish line before her opponent, running in the hot sun and not stopping until the end of the race.



RIGHT: Junior Ally Schumacher turns the corner, getting one stride closer to the finish line.



Cross Country had a very accomplished season, which included sophomore Trevor Conley going to semi state: "I made all regional and made it to semi state and it was a great experience for me this year."

Senior Isaac Tillema ran his fastest time at New Prairie. Not only did the team beat their personal records, but they took those times and hard work all the way to sectionals. There, not only did they enjoy themselves, but 6 made top 20.

For the first time, Cross country runner, sophomore Crystal Benitez, was honored with the MVP award. After asking Crystal how she felt about receiving this award, she states: "I worked hard all season and it felt very nice to win MVP, even though I was not able to run regional."

All together the team accomplished much and had fun doing it! "This season was an amazing season with more kids running than ever before. The team is more like a family, and this family accomplished more than ever expected," sophomore cross country runner Gavin Tillema says.

With a great seasonal outcome, the cross country runners will try their best to make next season even better. Running day and night cross country runners work their hardest while enjoying the sport and sharing their time with cross country coach Tim Adams.



Crystal Benitez pushes herself to finish the race.





RIGHT: Sophomore Kyle Wilson works hard to finish his race. even though he is tired, he pushes himself to work hard.

BELOW: Senior Isaac Tillema starts the long race against many other opponents.



RIGHT: Junior Denver Smith, running to finish his final sprint at the IHSAA sectional cross country competition at Rensselaer Central. Denver earned 19th place in the race.

LEFT: K.V. cross country runners push themselves to finish the end of their race strong.

New Kids on the Block

Stay Fresh

Being a freshman in high school is one of the scariest parts of a teenager's life. Underclassmen feel intimidated by the upperclassmen, and they don't know their way around the school. To help freshmen learn about the school and get used to high school, KV has the freshmen mentors club to help the "newbies."

Freshmen mentors take their responsibilities seriously and become a mentor to see freshman be successful their first year. They were chosen and interviewed by the principal and vice principals.

Freshmen mentors went to leadership conferences and learned how to be a better mentor; this training allows them to help their freshmen make a switch from middle school to high school.

On August 11, two days before school began, they held their annual "Kougar Kickoff" for the incoming freshman. At this event, they were given their school schedule, met their mentors and freshmen focus teacher.

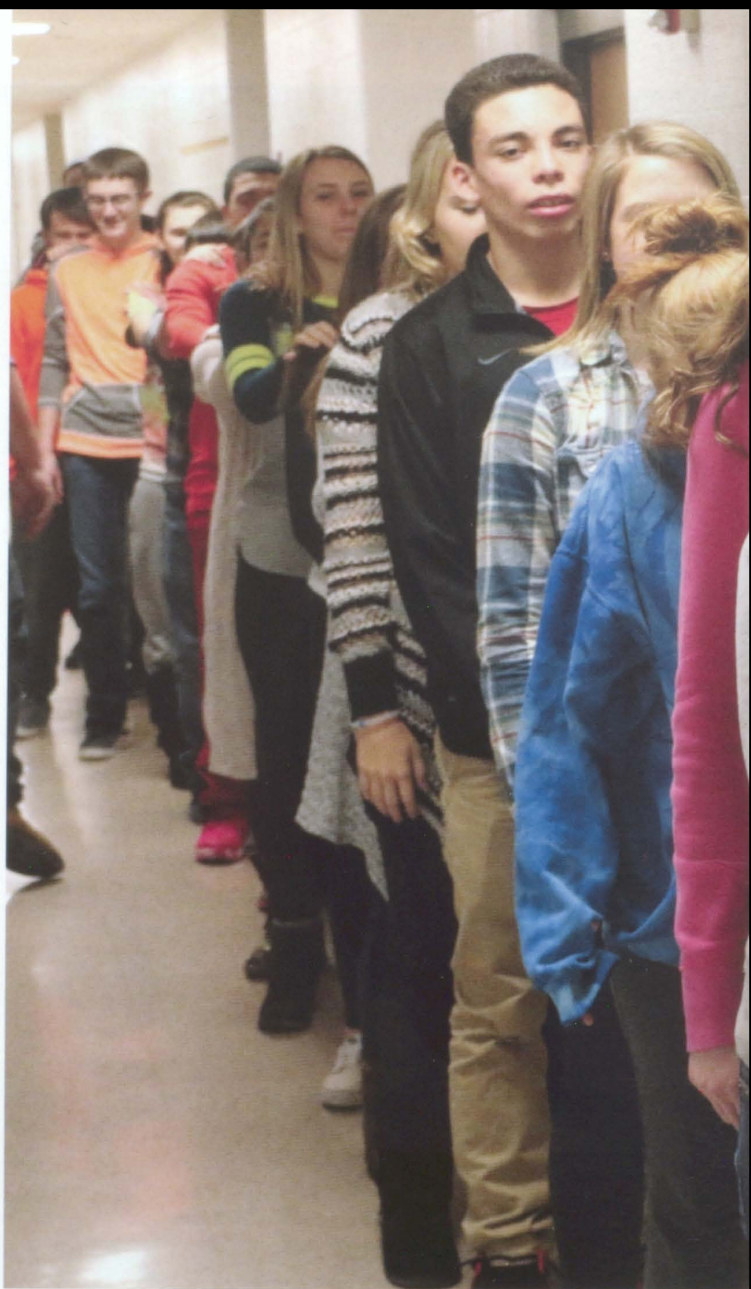
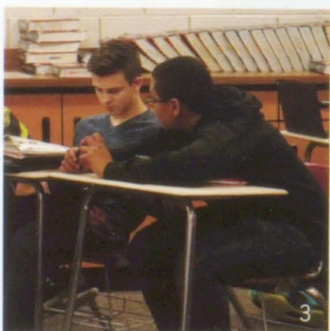
"Getting to know my freshmen... was the best part of the event," said junior Madison Rowen. "I can't wait for next year!"

2. Leading the Future Leaders

During one of their activity days, senior Alex Villalpando leads his freshmen during one of the simulations that shows that every action has a consequence. Freshmen should make decisions wisely. Photo by: C. Martinez

3. Collaborating Together During one of their trainings on decision-making, freshmen Dylan Parker and DaVid Pitre collaborate. Learning to make the right choice is an important part of a successful high school career. Photo by: C. Martinez

4. Feast On During their first leadership conference, the mentors take a break from learning and enjoy a free lunch. Photo by: C. Martinez

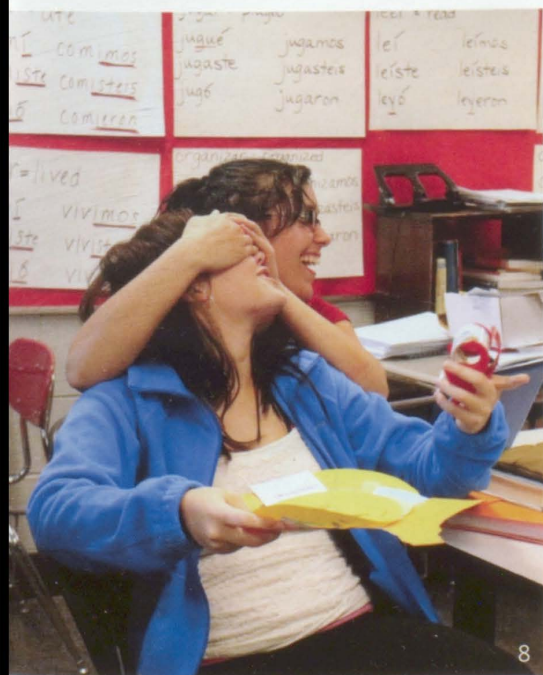




1. All in One During one of their many activities, Ms. Heufts' mentors engage their freshmen in an activity. Photo by: C. Martinez

5. Study Session During Mrs. Franklin's freshman focus class, freshman Hunter Knutson, Paul Blount, and Noah Thomasson help their friend with their homework that is due the following hour. Photo by: C. Martinez

6. Taking a Break When not working on homework assignments, freshmen Joshua James, along with his peers, use apps on their phones to study material in their other classes after their chromebooks' batteries died. Photo by: C. Martinez



7 No "I" in Team During a discussion with their freshman mentor and adviser, freshmen Daniel Yozman, Mark Tarbutton, and Austin Krooswyk work on figuring out the correct answer. Photo by: C. Martinez

8. Fun Times Taking a break from their study session, sophomore Jailene Quiles Mercado and her friend talk about their day to the freshman adviser, Mrs. Franklin, and share their thought about school activities. Photo by: C. Martinez

Writing History

Documenting KV Happenings

Current events, local stories, and keeping up-to-date with all the sports and events going on in the school and the community is what Newspaper is all about.

Since newspaper is a journalism class and there were only six people in the club, Newspaper worked overtime to meet their deadlines and have their stories printed by their printing company in a timely manner.

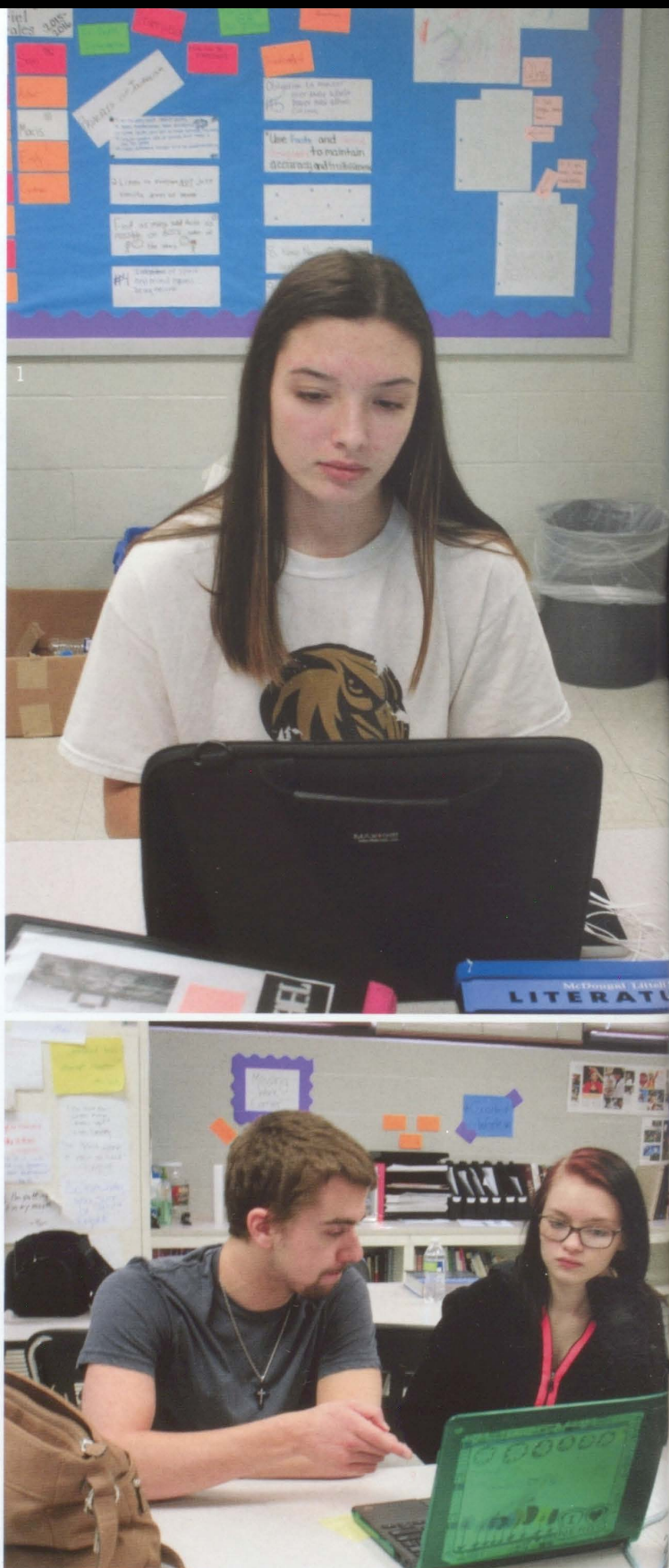
When writing and figuring out attention grabbers and headlines, it's not always easy. "It's truly hard trying to write without your full opinion or being bias[ed] because of the research and facts," said junior Aries Morales.

As the year goes by, the Newspaper staff learn more and more about what it takes to be a good writer and time-intensive writing and editing process. Newspaper is about meeting new people and interviewing different social groups and people. Learning to write about different aspects of the community is a challenge.

Along with becoming a better writer, students develop reporting skills by identifying and knowing the problem. This is taught by gathering all the materials and questions needed to have the full covered story.

Newspaper is really a combination of three skills: reading, writing, and researching. Developing articles from interviews, surveys, and polls, Newspaper has got the news for you. Whether it's a story about sports or arts, or even band or dance, it all comes together when you are in newspaper as students utilize correct techniques, learn the history of journalism, and analyze good examples of journalism.

"Taking a spin in the new direction this year for newspaper, it was definitely a great way to build a team and write a paper. Especially when there is only five others all coming together to make the school newspaper," commented senior Gavin Coppage.

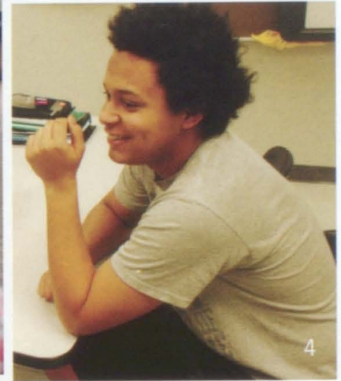


1. Working Hard Halee Griffey is typing away to try and meet her deadline. As you can see, she is very dedicated to newspaper.

9. Getting Down to Business Senior Gavin Coppage and sophomore Madison Williams work on a project during SRT. They are editing the next edition of The Spirit. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen



3. **Hardly Working** Advisor Mrs. Deulley and her student Abigail Tobias, 10, exchange some funny stories. You can see in this picture that Abigail enjoys newspaper a lot. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen 4. **Having a Laugh** Sophomore Bryant Phegley is seen laughing at a funny joke. Everyone works hard but they love to joke around as well. Photo by: R. Deulley

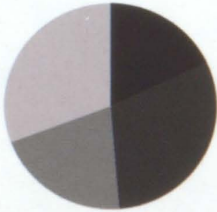


5. **Smile wide!** Junior Kelsey Shelhart is getting her picture taken for newspaper club. Her picture went up on newspaper's weebly site. Photo by: G. Coppage 6. **Lots of Questions** Sophomore Madison Williams is interviewing sophomore Meghan Scott for the school newspaper. Photo by: R. Deulley 7. **Candid** Senior Victoria DeKock is also getting her photo taken for the schools newspaper club. Photo by: G. Coppage 8. **Sweet Tunes!** Aries Morales, 11, is listening to music while she writes an article. Hard work is the only kind of work done in newspaper. "I learned how to talk to people and set up interviews, talk to officials. Its helped in high school because it gave me confidence and helped my self esteem. I like feeling like I'm a part of something for our school... that I help let others know what's going on. I feel like my voice is heard." Photo by: R. Deulley

"I enjoy Newspaper and hope to pursue it later for a career, and I'm glad I got to do it in high school."
- Aries Morales, 11

Time Out!

Senior Night



Seniors (18%) Juniors (31%) Sophomores (21%) Freshmen (31%)

Soccer Statistics

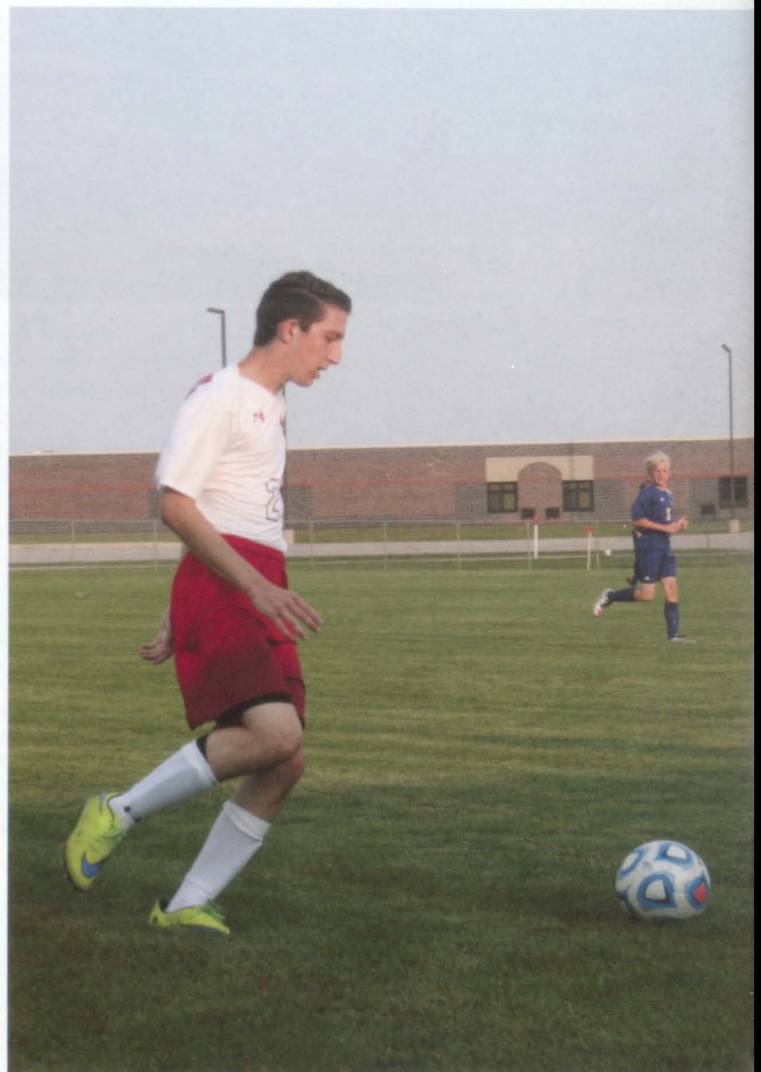
It was a hard fight for the boys soccer team at first, but their hard work paid off in the end. Senior night was a huge success with a 3-0 win against the Lowell Devils. "It was crazy to think it would be my last game at Kankakee Valley High School. I cannot believe how fast time goes by, and it feels like just yesterday I was a Freshman. It was a lot of fun playing my last game, and playing with the people that I grew up with," Senior Chad Hill said. Senior night was definitely a night that will be remembered especially by the seniors. All of KV will truly miss everyone. Most of the freshman say they will be doing soccer again to be able to experience all of the fun and hard work. Then in the future they will be able to enjoy and tell stories of their own personal senior night. The whole team learned from their mistakes, and hope they can go to regionals again. It was such a huge success and they will surely be ready next year. The soccer teams went out on a high note; they hope to come out even stronger in the future.



TOP: Trenton Walstra, junior, passes the ball to junior, Joseph Lay. Kyle Kamminga, junior, came up from behind to back up his fellow team mates, and ensure that they keep the ball. Photo by K.Eger.

ABOVE: Junior, Kyle Kamminga dashes towards the ball in an attempt to take control of it before the opposing team does. Photo by L.Smith.

RIGHT: Sophomore, Phillip Bein is running with the ball. Proceeded to take action in case opposing team, Hobart, attempts to steal the ball. Photo by L.Smith.





TOP: Robert Poppe, sophomore, steals the ball from the opposing team. Then proceeds to race it towards the goal. Photo by K.Eger.

LEFT: "It was fun and interesting experience. It was a new experience playing a sport for the high school." freshman Mark Nuttall said. Photo by K.Eger.

FAR LEFT: KV boys soccer put themselves into action by putting all their sweat and hard work on the field. Photo by K.Eger.

BOTTOM FAR LEFT: "High school was way different from what I thought it would be. I went out for the goalie and that is what I got. Some of the games were very stressful like the game against Griffith and I ended up punching the ground. I am really excited for three more years of KV soccer." Austin Eger, freshman, said. Photo by K.Eger.

LEFT: Junior, Spencer Carey attempts to score KV first goal in the game against Hobart. Photo by K.Eger.

Keep Your Eye on the Prize

Lady Kougars Get New Coach

For a season that started out pretty rocky, the Lady Kougars overcame it more easily than they expected.

"Before the season started we were very nervous because we did not have a coach right away. Once we got a coach, we were really optimistic about our season. Unfortunately it did not start the way we had hoped. We started off not playing the way we should and not working well together. Our conference record was not the best but we went to sectionals hopeful. Even though we had a lot of injuries in the weeks, leading up to sectionals we remained positive. Every year KV and Crown Point would always face off for the sectional title. Finally this year we won for the first time since 2009," Senior Jessica Young said.

"It was such an amazing feeling. Then onto regionals; we knew it was going to be hard. We played Lake Central first round at regionals and beat them 3-0 in overtime: best

feeling in the world. To go from a team struggling to work together to making history and defying the odds is so rewarding. Next, we played Munster, who we lost to in penalty kicks during regular season. We again lost 1-0 in overtime but we fought really hard. As the season went on we all worked really hard and we all really miss it. We all are really happy that us seniors went out with a bang," she continued. This shows that even with getting a new coach and having to regroup to work as a team the Lady Kougars pulled through. "It was a pretty awesome feeling to win sectionals," junior Julianna Phelps said. The Lady Kougars won sectionals 6-2. What a win! The girls worked hard to get as far as they got, however, they were not so lucky at regionals. Even so, they were still very proud of the work they did over the summer to get where they got.

TOP RIGHT: Reilly Dattilo, junior, is getting into the perfect position to get the ball away from the opposing team player. Photo by L. Smith
BOTTOM RIGHT: Sophomore Jessica Wheeler watches as the ball she threw in sores to her fellow Lady Kougar. "All I could think was please get the ball, to the goal," she said. Photo by L. Smith

FAR RIGHT: Blocking the opposing team from getting to close to the ball, sophomore Yessica Clemente uses the skills she learned over the season to get around her opponent. "There is never winning without hard work" said Clemente. Photo by L. Smith





LEFT: Junior Julianna Colon, looks out into the field getting ready to throw the ball back into play to her fellow Lady Kougars. She stares out at the field trying to make sure that they get the ball to their own goal. Photo by C. Martinez

BELOW: Standing outside the sidelines junior Blanca Ortiz, waits for the perfect opportunity to throw the ball into play. Photo by L. Smith

BOTTOM: Junior Reilly Dattilo gets the ball away from the opposing Hanover team. Photo by L. Smith



LEFT: Sophomore Nicole Nannenga looks down the field as her team plays, supporting them from the sidelines. "I was determined, focused, and in the zone of the game" Nannenga said. Photo by: L.Smith

FAR LEFT: Watching the opposing Hanover opponent, junior, Abby Klemp keeps a sharp eye on her.



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[Winter]

Winter Truly is a Wonderland Sophomores Koldon Oliver and
Anell Washington are enjoying the freshly fallen snow in the courtyard
near the west annex. After a long wait, snow finally arrived on
Wednesday, January 20. Photo By: E. Evans



1. Cha-cha Real Smooth On Saturday February 27th, students gathered together in the cafeteria and gym to raise money for Riley Childrens Hospital. Sophomores Stone Zadrozny and Monzerrat Reyes dance with their friends to the Cha-Cha slide. Photo by: E. Evans



2. Knock 'Em Out Student council president, senior Hunter Ahrendt, and freshman Joshua James try to knock each other off the inflatable stand they're standing on. Photo by: R. Deulley 3. Fun with Bubbles Sophomore Sidney Rosiak is surprised by a sudden outburst of bubbles from the bubble machine on one of the speakers at the DJ table during the dance. Photo by: E. Evans





Riley's Night

It's All About the Kids

Saturday, February 27th, Student Council put together a night to raise money for Riley Children's Hospital. The night included a black light dance, inflatables, ping-pong, and video games. The night turned out to be a huge success, and it raised over a thousand dollars through donations from local businesses and students.

After asking Senior Alexandra Brizek how she thought the night went, she said: "Riley's Night went really well! People had fun and helped a great charity at the same time! Out students, faculty, and local businesses raised \$2,000 to send to Riley's Hospital for

Children! This means we raised more than one dollar for every student and makes KVHS a Miracle School!"

Alexandra also went on to say, "Putting Riley's Night together was incredibly stressful at times, but I am so glad it turned out as well as it did! Everyone had a great time while raising money for a great cause! Our community really came together."

The success of the night proved that the school and community can come together to help a good cause. Student Council hopes to make this a yearly tradition for Riley's Children's Hospital.



4. It's On like Ping Pong Sophomore Noah Witkowski competes in a fierce table tennis battle against his opponent, determined not to lose. Photo by: E. Evans 5. Let's Dance Couple Shannon Urbano and Robert Poppe dance together hand-in-hand. Photo by: E. Evans 6. Fight it Out Junior Emma Fase and sophomore Isabelle Molenaar battle it out on the inflatables: each trying to knock the other over. Photo by: R. Deulley

7. Hole in One Junior Daniel Rockley plays cornhole against his fellow student council member junior Keegan Jones. There were several other cornhole games being played by not only the student council members, but also the participants of Riley's Night. Photo By: E. Evans

Dribble, Pass, Shoot

Shoot'n Hoops

Being in a sport is not the easiest thing for anyone. You have to learn how to prioritize school work to get good grades while still practicing every day and making time to compete in games against other schools. There are also a lot of difficult times, like when you don't win a game, but there are some enjoyable and memorable times that go along with the bad times. Freshman Kaleb Scott said, "This season my coach taught me a lot about basketball and I think I really matured as a player; it was a really good experience."

This season boys basketball had a couple of losses, but they did win some games. Sophomore Cordell Hart said, "I joined basketball because I love the game and wanted to take an opportunity to play it. This season was very fun and fulfilling, even though we didn't have that great of a record." Even though they had a few losses they did bring some wins back home. For example, the freshmen boy's basketball team beat Kankakee Valley's rival, Rensselaer Central High School, with a score of 37 to 2! But we all know that winning is not the easiest thing. In order to win you have to practice a lot. Like they say, "practice makes perfect." Through all the hardships, players never forget the good times that were spent with their teammates. At the end of the day, a love of the game is what brings players together in the first place.

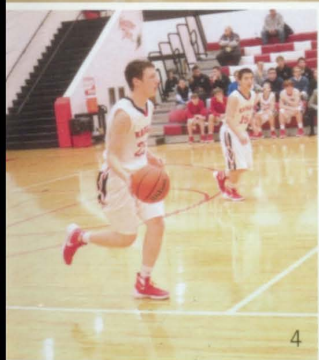


1. Race to the Basket Junior Trenton Walstra remains focused on the basket, as he elludes the player from the opposing team.
Photo by: C. Martinez



2. Focused Junior Evan Ellinghausen focuses on dribbling the ball past his opponent and towards the basket. Photo by: C. Martinez

3. Preparing to Win Mr. Walther talks to his freshman team, outlining a plan to prepare them for a win. Photo by: S. Mitchell



4. Fast Running Junior Tyler Whitehead dribbles the basketball quickly to reach the other side of the court to make a basket. Photo by: C. Martinez

5. Pushing Through Junior Tyler Hein fights to become open. Photo by: S. Mitchell



6. Throwing the Ball Freshman Malik Hemphill prepares to throw the ball to one of his teammates. "I love to play the game and be... on the court." Photo by: J. McLean

7. Practice Makes Perfect Sophomore Brian Tucker attempts to make a shot while practicing for an upcoming game. Photo by: S. Mitchell

Believe and Achieve



Conference Champs

It was a very historic season for the girls basketball team breaking multiple school records. "The most memorable part of the season for me was beating Crown Point. It was our closest game and we were losing with a minute left in the game but we still pulled it out. It was the first time we have beat them in 41 years and it was such a great feeling to win," said sophomore Lindsey Stokes.

For the first time since 1994 the team went undefeated and won the NCC Conference. "It meant a lot to win conference because we hadn't done it in twenty-two years, and it was one of our goals the past two years so finally accomplishing it was great," said junior Emma Fase.

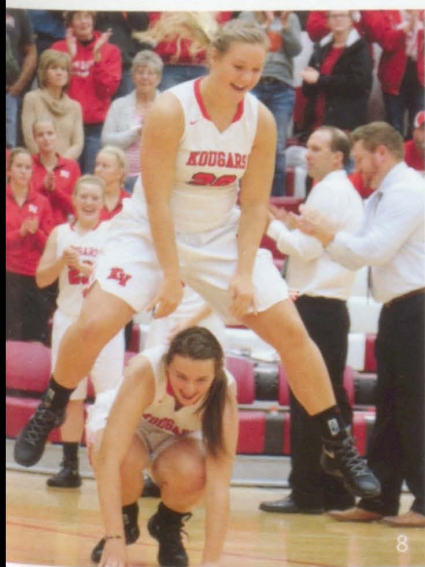
1. All Eyes on You Junior Raegan Walther gets ready to shoot a free throw, after being fouled. Walther went on to score 16 points in the team win against Andean. Photo by: J. McLean
2. Pass, Dribble...BLOCK In the junior varsity game against Kouts, sophomore Natalie Fox watches the ball in preparation for her next move. Photo by: J. McLean
3. Fake Right and Break Left Looking around for a teammate to pass the ball to, senior Alyssa Eger tries to escape opposing players. Teamwork was a must for the girls in order to insure a winning season. Photo by: J. McLean
4. I'm Open Near the hoop freshman Madeline Swarth passes the ball to teammate, junior, Raegan Walther. "My varsity my freshmen year motivated me to play harder because I was playing at a higher level," said Swarth. Photo by: J. McLean



5. Sticking Together The varsity team stands on the free throw line during the national anthem. At the start of every game, the entire team lines up and holds hands while honoring America. Photo by: J. McLean

6. Celebration! After beating Andrean 53 to 37 to win the conference, everyone meets up in the middle of the court. It was a very memorable experience for players, students, and spectators. Photo by: J. McLean

7. Making History Senior Breanna Toppen prepares to take a shot towards the basket. This season Toppen became the 3rd girl in school history to score more than 1,000 points in her high school career. Photo by: J. McLean



8. Leap Frog Jumping over junior Hannah Cambe leap frog style is senior Alyssa Eger. This became a tradition between the two before every game. Photo by: J. McLean

9. Stay Focused Keeping her focus on the ball junior Raegan Walther plays defense against Andrean. It was a very hard fought game because the Lady Kougars needed a win to finish the season undefeated in the conference. Photo by: J. McLean

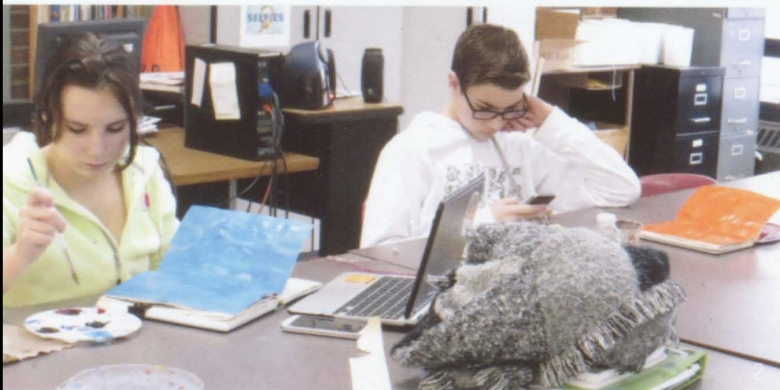
10. Be Ready Senior Nina Freund watches her teammates and prepares to receive the ball. The team went on to beat the Kouts Fillies with a score of 7 to 51. Photo by: J. McLean

Splat!

Blankets for Riley Hospital for Children

During October, the Crotchet Club held a fundraiser that consisted of selling tie dye socks in order to raise money for yarn and other equipment needed. They needed the yarn so they could create handmade blankets to donate to the children in need at Riley Hospital for Children. Several members of the crotchet club personally delivered approximately thirty hand crotched blankets to the hospital. The Crochet club also donated blankets to the Jasper County Department of Child Services, and they distributed them to foster children. This tradition has been going on for several years, and the club hopes to keep their tradition going.

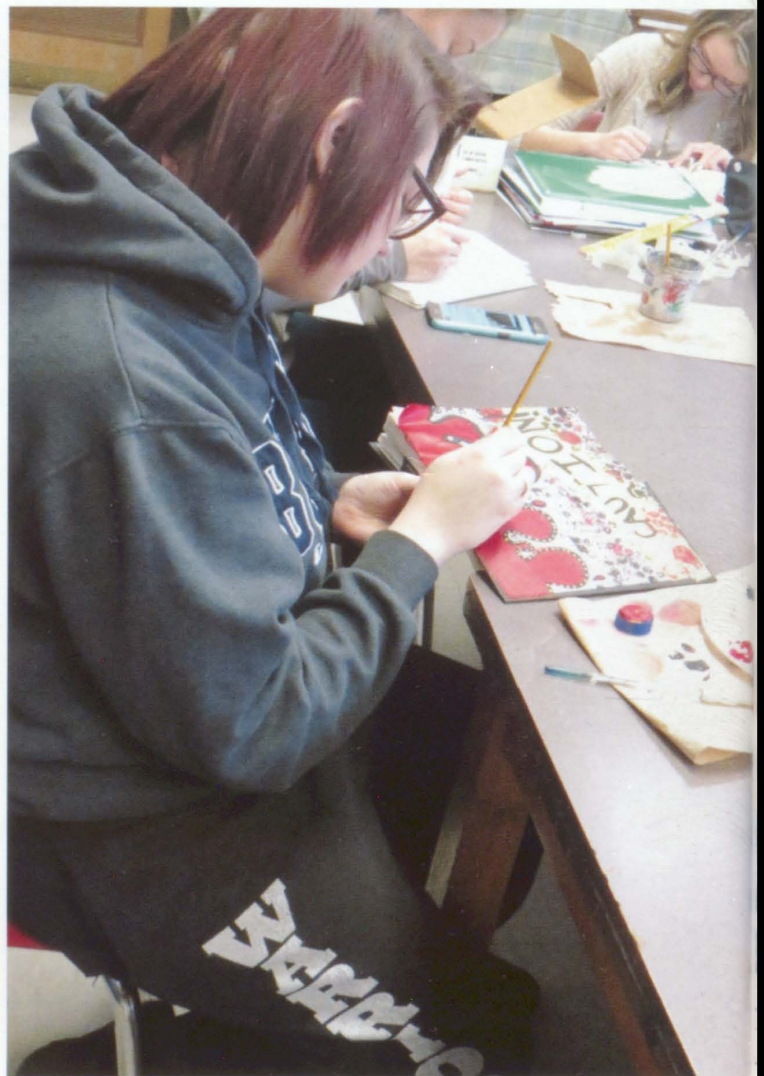
"The club members selected Riley because some of the members had friends or family members that had been to the hospital. I think this is an excellent place to donate because it is very meaningful for the blanket to go to kids that are battling a health problem. Each blanket takes many hours to make and members take pride in knowing the blanket will be comforting to the children," Mrs. Preston said.



1. **Emotional Strokes** Sophmores Willow Stamper and Kilyjah DeKock reconstruct books to fit their emotions. "I lose concentration on everything and everyone around me, but when I'm creating art, I'm focused on the topic. Getting motivated is easy, I just think of something I can't do, and do it," Stamper said. Photo by: F.Odle

2. **Blue Sky, Orange Sunset** Senior Kayla Page and sophomore Kolby Klauer working on altering books. "Altering books is really fun. You put your feelings down in art, and I really like doing it. It makes me feel like I could go back in this book, and know exactly how I felt back then in like ten or twenty years from now," Page said.

Photo by: F.Odle 3. **Get Detailed** Haley Stanley, freshman, and Kilyjah DeKock, sophomore, diligently work on their books, by slowly transform the books to suit their personalities in unique ways. Photo by: F.Odle





4. Together! Crotchet club members sophomore Abbey Ayres, senior Haley Ayres, junior Allison Bierma, and junior Breanna Rose, and Emma Fase pose together holding their hand made blankets. The blankets are going to be donated to Riley Children's Hospital. Photo by: F. Odle

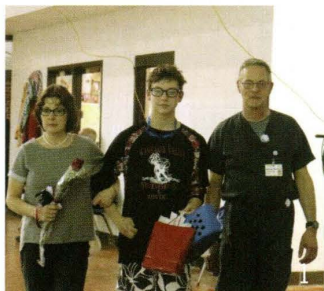
5. Brighter is Better Kayla Christensen, sophomore, works hard on her brightly based book. "I decided to use red on the page this time around. Instead of using small, short brush strokes I decided to use broad brush strokes," Photo by: F. Odle

6. Intricately Designed Maria Rodriguez, sophomore, works on her book design fully focused. She used thinner brush strokes, and more intricate designs to complete her project. Photo by: F. Odle

7. It's Better Bolder! Madison Roak, junior, has to wash her palette, and get new colors for her project. She decided to go bolder with her colors instead of traditional colors. Photo by: F. Odle

8. Sticky! Freshman Tiarah Hatfield focuses on creating her book. She inserted headphones to ignore any sound that may distract her, and to get her creative feelings to flow better. Photo by: F. Odle

1. I'll Miss This Senior Michael Curtis walks to be recognized for all his hard work throughout the years at senior night. Photo by: M. Dodge **2. Saying Goodbye** Senior Elizabeth Torbitt walks with her parents for senior night. Photo by: M. Dodge **3. Focused** Sophomore Derek Kaluf focuses on his goal to compete in a dive for his team. Photo by: M. Dodge



Eat My Bubbles

Saying Good-bye to Old Teammates & Old Records

The boy's and girl's swim team brought in new freshmen. They offer a promising future for the team, while seniors said their good-byes. "Swimming has played a huge role in my high school career and has helped me to strive for the best. I have met so many amazing girls and our team is essentially just a huge family," says senior Klara Hausenfleck.

From the freshmen to the seniors, all participated in making the season an enjoyable year. A lot of goals were met. This year, the team had many personal records broken, many of which were incredibly close to school records.

Junior Jacob Campbell came within mere seconds of the record for 50 free holds. He has high hopes for his senior year. "I was proud of myself.. And happy that all the work I put in is showing. [My goal for next year is] to demolish the record so my name can stay on the board for years," says junior Jacob Campbell. "Breaking two personal records on my last swim meet ever was far more than I expected. It was an unforgettable, emotional night, and I'm so happy that those hard months of practice paid off," says senior Faith Hoffman.



"The one thing I think I'll miss most... is just hanging out with the guys and having a good time."

- Jack Anderson, 12

4. Take off Sophomore Kayla Musch executes a challenging dive in hopes to rank points for her team. Photo by: M. Dodge

5. Memory Lane Senior Jack Anderson walks hand and hand with his mother and father at senior night, "I'll miss the laughs," said senior Jack Anderson. Photo by: M. Dodge

6. Prepared to Win Junior Allison Tokarz prepares to race in the 500 free. Photo by: M. Dodge



7. Flying to a Win Senior Faith Hoffman preforms fly in her annual swim, the 100 I.M. Photo by: M. Dodge

8. Diving In Sophomore Bridget Hoffman performs a dive, hoping to earn points towards her team. Photo by: M. Dodge



Coming Together

Unraveling the Past to Connect with the Future

English and Social Studies are two subjects that go hand in hand. In English classes, students go back and read old historical writings that can date as far back as legalized slavery and the Revolutionary War, and as recently as CNN.com's latest trending news. As an English teacher, Mrs. Kingma confirms, "English and history completely intertwine when it relates to reading literature. For example, the setting of a story needs to be understood by students before they can really comprehend character motivation. My juniors are currently working on a Civil Rights Project, and the research, music, videos, and quotes are all based in our history."

Students don't always learn just from books or articles, they also learn from presenting projects and performing plays from hundreds of years ago. Learning about the past is important; students learn the bad and good decisions our ancestors made. Since history has the propensity to repeat itself, students learn from the decisions that have shaped our society. Studying English and history together helps students understand all kinds of people.



6. Bow for thou King and Queen Danielle Dahn, Chloe Dobson, Sarah Starr, Codi Swallow and DayLyn Hornbeck pose for a group photo while in their costumes for the Renaissance Fair. Photo by: K. Kohlhausen

7. Famous Boat Races The class listens attentively to Mr. Spinks' instructions. Students look forward to these boat races every year. Photo by: L. Smith **8. Go with the Flow** Tiarah Hatfield going in for the win in Mr. Spink's boat races. Photo by: L. Smith





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1. Say Blast Freshmen Timothy Luttrell , Trevor Helton, Mary Knight, and Abigail Homrich all stand around the table showing off their completed world history project in Mr. Ellenwood's classroom. **Photo by:** D. Ellenwood **2. And they're off!** Freshmen Nickolet Porter and Mary Knight race against each other with their own personalized boats during Mr.Spinks' boat races. **3. High five, Man** Seniors Faith Hoffman and Haylie Wheeler congratulate each other on the creative writing stories they just wrote in Mrs. Cates' class. **Photo by:** L. Smith **4. Workaholics** Junior Jessica Fox, senior Nicholas Valone, and senior Joseph Steinke work steadily on their English homework. **Photo by:** L. Smith **7. Smile Wide** Seniors Casey Hennings and Austin Abbring enjoy a moment together in Mrs. Cates' creative writing class. **Photo by:** L. Smith

Working Towards the Future

Students Explore Careers

When joining a career class students' are usually looking for knowledge about their potential field of work. Choosing a career class makes choices for college and jobs much easier on high school students. Whether the student knows what their career path will be or not, these classes will inform them about that area of work.

Sophomore Shelby Carroll explained, "Being in a career-based class gives you more knowledge and understanding of the career you may be interested in. It shows you the different jobs there are in that area of work and it allows you to make friends with people who have common interests with you." Students who take career classes are better informed about what they will pursue when they are out of high school.

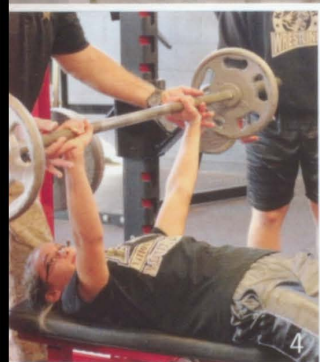


1. A weight Off His Shoulders Junior Connor Fitzpatrick lifts weights for the Cops vs. Kougars lift off. Connor placed 2nd in the competition. Photo by: C. Martinez



2. Drink up! Junior Riley Burke tastes three different samples of water. Burke had to review the water to tell which was the best for her psychology class. Photo by: M. Collins

3. Tug of War Sophomores Chloe Dobson, Kalynn Anderson, and Preston Buck each pull on the end of the stretch band. They practiced their health skills. Photo by: M. Collins



4. Girl Power! Sophomore Katlyn Kohlhausen is lifting her first weight for the Cops vs. Kougars lift off. Photo by: C. Martinez

5. I See You Senior Kiley Ferris covers one eye at a time to try to find out how it will affect her field of vision. Ferris is at one of the many stations in her psychology class. Photo by: M. Collins



6. A Helping Hand Seniors Kreed Gentz and Daniel Rockley work non their project for psychology. After completing all the stations Rockley and Gentz went back to their desks to finish up the questions. Photo by: M. Collins

7. Catch! Junior Elena Grove tosses a medicine ball to senior Merisa Patino. Patino caught the ball, then leaned back and tossed it back to Grove. This is a procedure used in physical therapy. Photo by: M. Collins

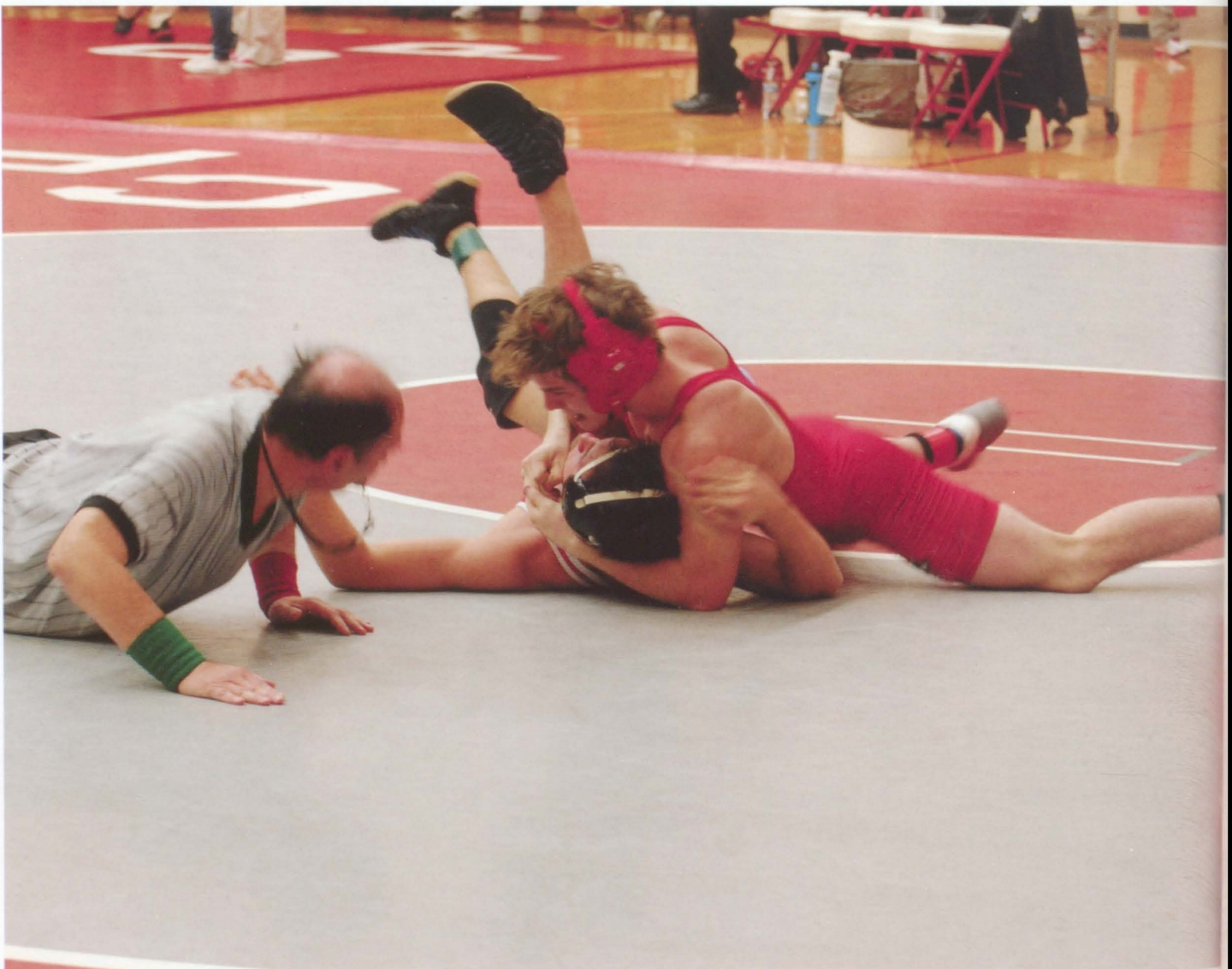
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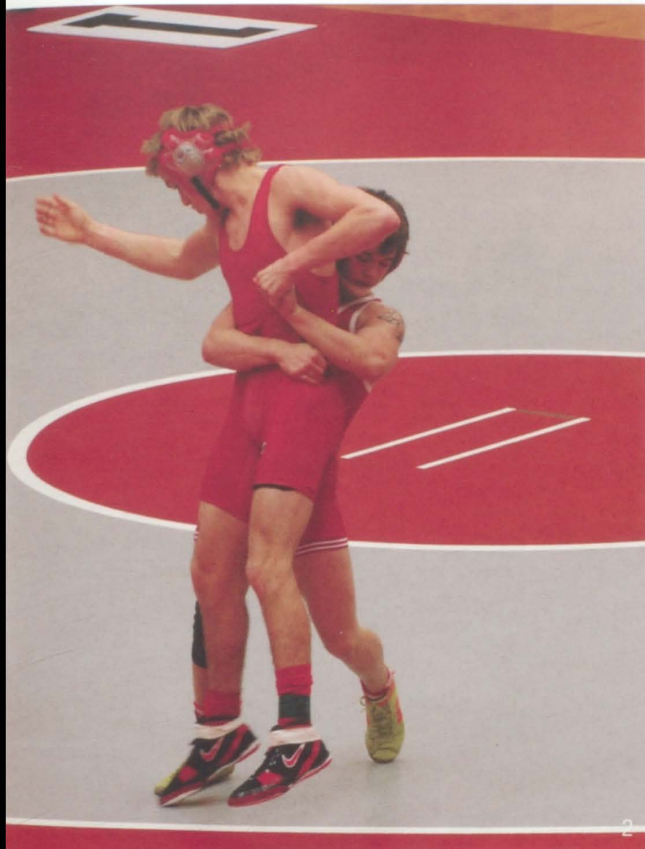
Family Doesn't Stop at Blood

"I believe wrestling creates a powerful bond because everyday we are pushing each other to do better and succeed, which is very empowering to me," commented senior Kreed Gentz.

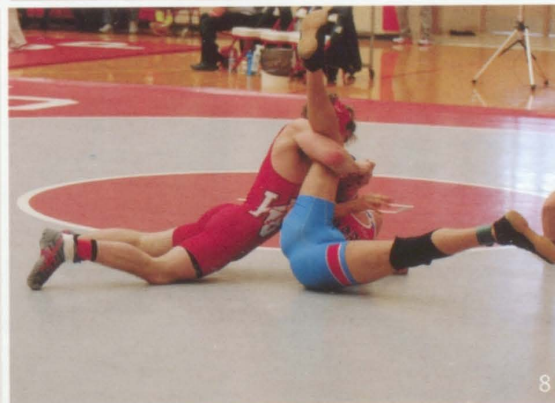
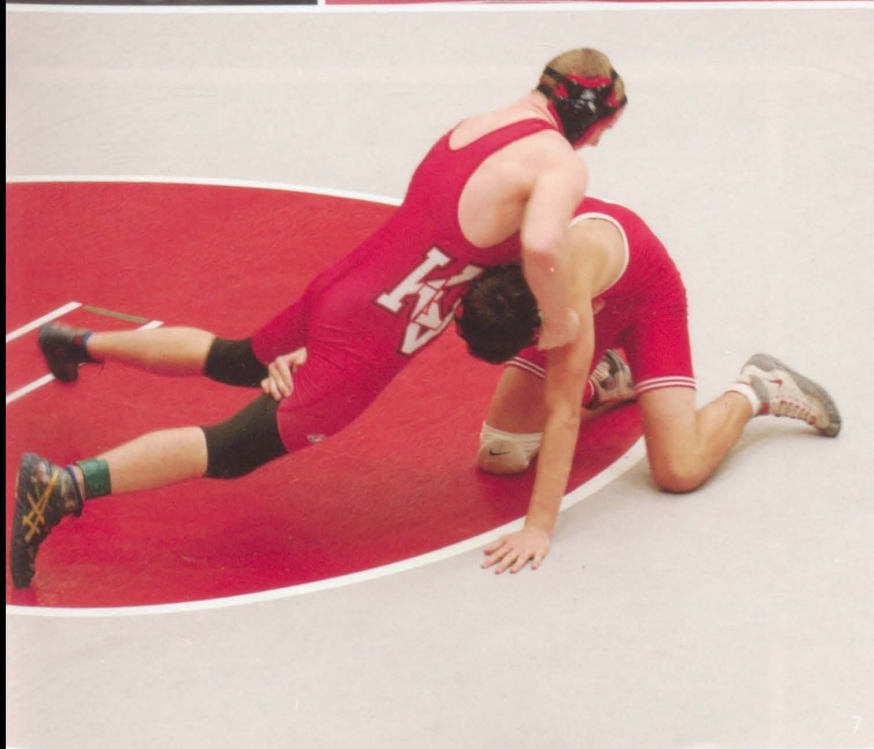
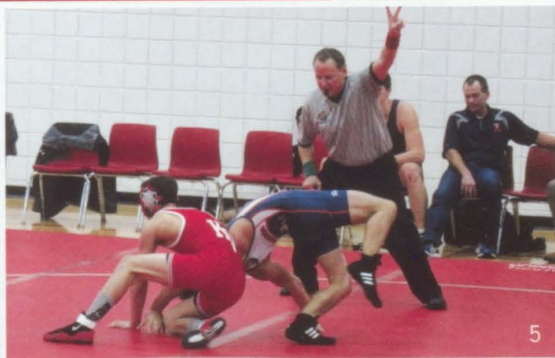
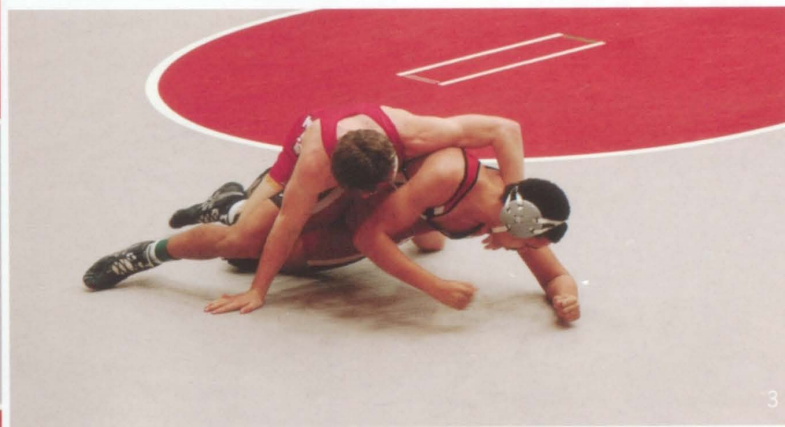
Wrestling isn't just a sport. To these athletes, wrestling is a passion. They put everything they have into it, and they don't balk at a little bit of blood.

"The team is like a family because everyone has your back through practice all the way to the end of your season. Having that kind of support is what drives the sport that I love," sophomore, Zackary Scott said. Wrestling isn't just a team to the players, but rather it is another family they have.





1. **Too Slow** Andrew Hamstra holds his opponent down as the referee counts down. Photo by: S. Perez 2. **Smack Down** Luke Solomey, junior, attempts to get his feet back on the ground. As he twisted and turn the grip on him got tighter. Photo by: S. Perez 3. **In a Flash** Jacob Williams, senior, goes for the pin as his opponent attempts to reverse him before the pin. Photo by: S. Perez 4. **Ranking Up** Junior Bryce Niewoehner celebrates after winning yet another match. He made it all the way to state. Photo by: B. Niewoehner 5. **Final Countdown** The power of our wrestlers is backbending even in the final countdown. Photo by: M. Collins



6. **Pinned Down** Senior Jacob Williams restrains his opponent from escaping in order to pin them down. Photo by: S. Perez 7. **Leaning Power Tower** "My team had a lot of great wrestlers, which included one state qualifier and six semi-state qualifiers. The team supported everyone that was included in some way," said sophomore Randy Sneed. Photo by: S. Perez 8. **Holding the Moment** Andrew Hamstra, senior, gains advantage on opponent winning them the match. Photo by: S. Perez

Show Some Spirit

Without Dance, What's the Pointe?

To kick off the 2015 football season, coach Fran Desimini decided to start a JV and Varsity dance team. With the amount of people that tried out for Dance, there were too many to just put on one team.

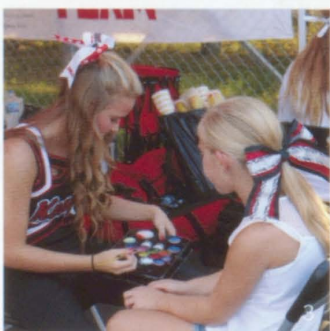
Everyone on the team dances a different and unique way. "Dancing is a universal language, it's kind of a way to express your emotions. There's so many different kinds of dance and anybody in the whole world could do it," senior dance team Captain Emily Tauber explains why she loves dance. "I'm glad that it's what I decided to do all throughout my high school career."



2. Poms In The Air Raising her poms in the air after their home routine, junior Katelyn Eger pumps up the crowd moments before their mini camp. Photo by: J. McLean

3. Painting the Town During halftime, junior Junelle Roy starts painting faces to help give a little spirit. Photo by: J. McLean

4. Showing Some Spirit At the end of a routine, the dancers show school spirit by holding up their poms. Photo by: J. McLean





1. Synchronize Members of the Varsity Dance Team, sophomores Megan Ward and Jamie Cole, senior Emily Tauber, and juniors Gabi DeSimini and Junelle Roy, perform a routine during a football game. The team worked hard to synchronize a lot of different dance routines. Photo by: J. McLean

7. Dance On Rocking the crowd, juniors Marlisa Padialla and Jessica Vasquez and sophomore Lovie Riffe dance halftime at a basketball game. Photo by: M. Collins

8. Strike a Pose Posing for the camera, sophomore Lovie Riffe ends a routine. Photo by: J. McLean



5. Dance for the Camera! Pausing for a split second, junior Gabrielle DeSimini stops to smile for the crowd. Photo by M. Collins

6. Walk of Pride Walking across the the track, senior Emily Tauber celebrates all the seasons she has participated in Dance during senior night. Photo by J. McLean

We are [United as] One

We all think, act, and look differently, but we can all be United as One

We all may act, think, and look differently, but we are all still United as One. Students get to do activities with other students that have disabilities and do not get to participate in other events. Kankakee Valley students are honored to be able to include these students. Sophomore Meghan Scott says, "I enjoy just being with the kids. I have always liked the special need kids because they are very youthful and very nice. They always make my day!" Many of the special need kids are also very excited to be included and to make new friends. United as One does special events like bowling, eating lunch together, and participating in a track event in the Spring. United as One is an excellent outreach club that gives students an opportunity to join all of the disabled kids together.



1. Play time Aubrey Toppen, 9, solves a puzzle with Brianna Krooswyk during free time. Photo by: S. Mitchell 2. UNO Madison O'dor, 10, yells while playing an intense game with Gavin Mehay, 9, and all of his friends at the meeting. Photo by: S. Mitchell 3. My Little Princess Meghan Scott, 10, crowns Hailee Shannon, freshman. She loved being able to have fun and play They love bonding together! Photo by: K. Kohlhausen





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4. Happy Day Olivia Veldman, 9, says, "What I enjoy most about United as One is seeing all the kids smile and have a good time because when you make them smile it makes you smile." Photo by: K. Kohlhagen 5. Candy Land time Kyle Kamminga, 11, picks up a card to determine his fate. Lauren Hobson, 11, can not help but smile when she sees Allison Zubrenic, 10, and Haley French, 9, laugh. Photo by: S. Mitchell 6. Group Chat Aubrey Toppen, 9, talks to Selena, 12, about fun activities that are going on here. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen 7. Group Hug! Abigail Adams gives a happy hug to United as One students as the meeting came to a wrap. They cannot wait to see each other again. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen 8. Say Cheese! All of the United as One members smile for the camera after an exciting day celebrated. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen



United as One

Track for some is not just about running and making the mark, it's about creating new bonds, new friendships, and making everyone feel accepted. In Unified Track, special needs kids work together with other students to compete in races; from these teams, new friendships and new perspectives are developed: "I learned that no matter what, enjoy yourself in what you are doing," said senior Trevor Wiesemann.

Every year, Unified Track gives the old school phrase "We are One," a deeper meaning. Making all students feel welcome to compete and be a part of a sports team is an important value our school shares. Unified track doesn't just have its eye on crossing the finish line, it has its eye on creating opportunities to include all students and promote a spirit of friendship and equality. "You could just see how proud they were; it really makes you feel like you're apart of something bigger," said sophomore Isabelle Molenaar.

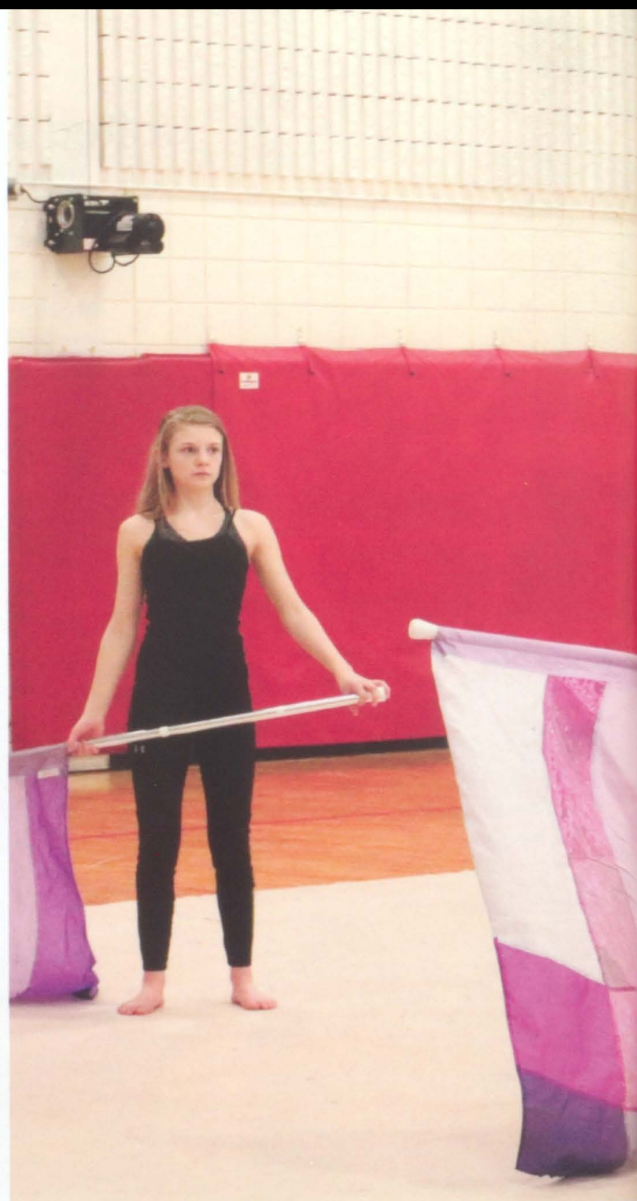


1. Standing Together Principal Mr. Spagna, freshman Taylor Evans, and Assistant Principal Mr. Skrobul pose for a picture at a unified track meet. Photo by: R. Elliott 2. The Team The Unified Track team poses for a team picture. Photo by: R. Elliott 3. Helping Out Senior Jillian Warner, junior Kailee VanNieulande, and junior Madison Rowen bundle up at the unified track meet. They gave of their time to ask for donations. Photo by: R. Elliott



We Really Are Unified

1. Showing Off Seeing the cameras, sophomore Mariah Salyers shows off her talent for balance and flexibility. Photo by: K. Eger 2. Practice Makes Perfect Practicing their new routine, freshman Rena Cardaras and junior Ally Schumacher spent most of their practice working hard to synchronize their movements, as they prepared to perform at state. Photo by: K. Eger



One Guard, 1,000 Movements, One Goal

Third Time's the Charm

With the two hour practices, the team was pushed to its limits with new work, new routines, and dances they have never done in the past years. The past few years, Winter Guard has gone to state, and they have had the privilege to go again during this season. With that thought in mind, they expanded their practice hours and days, working harder than ever before.

Winter guard had many difficulties during this season. They

all had to learn new techniques, and they had to extend their practices from two times a week to four times a week; however, all of that hard work prepared them for state.

State competition was held at Center Grove High School in Greenwood, Indiana. With fifty-seven teams competing, Winter Guard was able to use their personalized routines and tricks to place twenty-seventh overall. Congratulations Winter Guard, for a job well done!



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3. Flags Up! Several performers warm up on their flags routine, teaching and working with each other in order to be synchronized.

Photo by C. Martinez

4. Perfect Ending Freshman Hunter DeYoung worked his way into the middle, as part of the routine, to throw his saber in the air and catch without looking up for assistance. Photo by: K. Eger

5. Flick of the Wrist Catching a solid toss, junior Katelyn Eger finishes her part of the routine. "I couldn't go to state, but I know that Winter Guard represent[ed] KV very well at state," Eger said. Photo by: C. Martinez

6. State Routine Learning new work, several members of the weapon line gets into their starting position. Photo by C. Martinez



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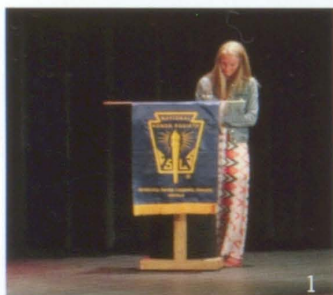


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1. Sign Me Up! Signing into NHS membership book, snior Breanna Toppen writes her name and goes on to get a candle for joining the club. Photo by: E. Evans

2. Lighting the Path Sophomores Payton Ritchie, Callee Richardson, and Nicholas Raymond remain quiet and respectively watch their fellow peers getting inducted into NHS. Once all the candles are lit, inductees recited their four-line vow.

Photo by: E. Evans **3. Future Leaders** Senior Skylar Sutton shakes hands with her classmate, senior Sarah Schaezel, after being officially inducted. Photo by: E. Evans



Leading our School

One Step at a Time

National Honors Society is an organization for elite students who have many outstanding academic achievements. To be an active member of this society, each student is required to have a 3.7 or higher GPA, be nominated by a teacher, and serve a certain amount of community service. NHS is full of future leaders who will one day grow up and do great things. Many of them do volunteer work to make a difference in our community. They also work hard at making our school the best it can be. NHS helps students maintain a high GPA and help around in their community to show leadership skills.



4. All United Students stand shoulder to shoulder, as they wait to light their ceremonial candles. Photo by: E. Evans

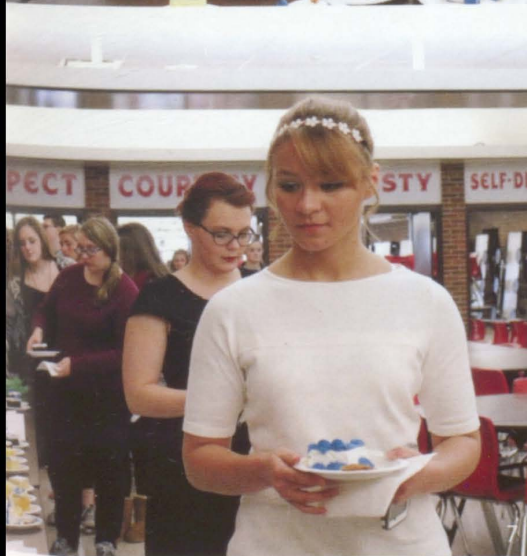
5. Let Them Eat Cake! After the induction ceremony, the members and their families gathered together in the cafeteria to celebrate and enjoy cake, as well as senior Ashley, who stands in line grabbing her piece of cake before going off with her friends and family. Photo by: E. Evans



6. Light it Up Sophomore Brooke Purnea helps with lighting newly inducted member's candle during the traditional candle ceremony. Photo by: E. Evans

7. Time for Cake After being inducted into NHS, junior Ally Schumacher enjoys the cake that was provided. Photo by: E. Evans

8. Hard Work Pays Off As the ceremony come to an end, sophomores Abigail Tobias, Lindsey Stokes, and Nicholas Skrobol stand side-by-side during a moment of silence, recognizing all of the hard work and dedication that has brought them this far. Photo by: E. Evans



Go Kougars!

Fear the Band

We are Red and White! Attending basketball games has changed over the years. More recently the band has split into two separate sections: Red Band and White Band. These two sections are under the combined direction of Mr. Boersma and Mr. Dinkins, who work tirelessly to create an atmosphere that is challenging to any visiting team.

Basketball Band is a part of the Band's curriculum. Students are drafted by the directors into two groups. Then, the groups rotate games to perform at. Even though students are drafted into separate groups, many still choose to attend all of the games to be with friends and cheer on the Kougars. During free throws students cheer, scream, and whistle really loudly in an attempt to make the other team miss.

"The Basketball Band is really the sixth man on the court. Between our cheering and screaming we hope to help the team on to victory," says Mr. Boersma.

1. Where Were We Again? Jarred Ooms, 10, and Evan Balboa, 12, exchange conversation while they wait for the halftime show to begin. Photo by: M. Dodge



2. Rock Out During the halftime show, Evan Uhrhammer, 10, rocks out as he performs with D-Battery. Photo by: K. Eger



3. Line Up The entire snare line stands and looks out into the crowd, as they tap their drumsticks to put the cherry on top of their halftime performance. Photo by: K. Eger

4. Play your Hearts Out! Students of all different grades play together as one big ensemble to cheer on the basketball players during their big game. Photo by: M. Dodge



11. Dance Off Hanging around the pep band, seniors Ashley Sanders and Hannahmae Buckmaster dance along to the music pep band is playing. Photo by: K. Eger

12. Loudly Winning Games Sophomore Stevan Perez plays the tuba proudly during a basketball game. The more noise is made, the better chance KV has of winning. Photo by: K. Eger



5. Heart on your Sleeve During her last pep show at the end of the season, senior Haley Ayres plays her heart out along with her team members. "I'm going to miss the energy and enthusiasm we created. It's a special type of atmosphere that you won't get anywhere else," Ayres said. Photo by: K. Eger

6. Sticking Together Overseeing their progress, Mr. Dinkins listens to the saxophone players before the girls varsity game. Photo by: K. Eger



"I enjoyed three of my favorite things: I got to watch basketball, hang out with my friends, and... [play] my instrument."

- Robert Hofferth, 9



7. First in Line Sophomore Georgia Frost plays the snare drum while doing a routine created for the show. Members represented drum line by wearing embroidered shirts and special headbands. Photo by: K. Eger

8. Hard Work Pays Off Senior Skylar Sutton plays her saxophone during the girls varsity game. Photo by: K. Eger



9. Lead On During their first performance of the season, at a girls varsity game, senior Alex Villalpando and junior Lucas Bohannon play side by side along with their fellow drum line members. Photo by: K. Eger

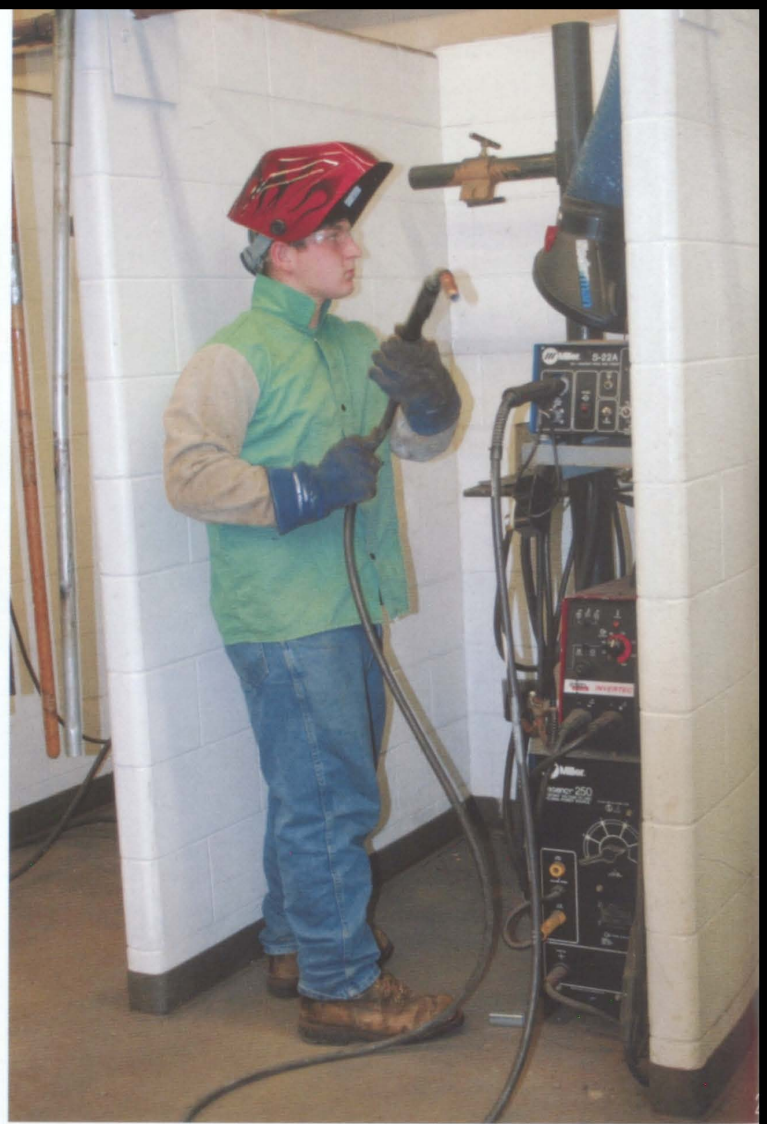
10. Playing Harmoniously Junior Megan Mitchell and freshman Robert Hofferth play the tenor saxophone during a game. Photo by: K. Eger



1. Getting His Hands Dirty Senior Drake Dowell assists his fellow classmate, Wyatt Dukes, 10, on their project. They were rebuilding a rocket. Photo by: M. Collins

2. Back to the Daily Grind Junior Robert Jones checks to see if his work is done. Jones was welding a metal pipe for Mr. Hass's welding class. Photo by: L. Riffe

3. Making Magic Senior Russel Baize works on welding metal pipes during a project in Mr. Hass's welding class. Using safety As you can see it is very important to use safety materials when doing this kind of work. Photo by: M. Collins



4. Thumbs Up for Technology Junior Bailey Flick shows how enthusiastic he is to work on his computer during Computers Club. Photo by L. Riffe

Sticking Together

Creating Friendships and the Future



5. Fix it Up Senior Jared Stemper is repairing computer boxes. Once it is repaired, it will be ready to use. Photo by: M. Collins



6. Sweet Ride Junior Trenton Walstra is driving a remote control car built in robotics club. The robotics members worked very hard to build the car. Photo by A. Adams

7. Making Progress Sophomore Harrison Tillema repairs a computer for Computer Club. It was up and running soon afterwards. Photo by M. Collins



8. Its all Fun and Games Senior Jared Stemper and sophomore Annalie Cisar hold up microchips as a joke to spell out the first letter of Annalise's name. Photo by M. Collins

Joining clubs is often the key to making friends, but sometimes it makes a family instead. When asked what her favorite part of welding is, junior Abbigail McMahan replied. "Mr. Hass is my favorite part. I've never had a teacher who cares as much as Mr. Hass does. He will push you to your full potential. When my dad passed away, he gathered up the whole welding class to come to his wake. That made me see this was more than just a class; it was becoming my welding family. One weld at a time."

As well as learning important social skills, these clubs also teach technology skills that are not only useful, but almost necessary in today's society. The clubs help to bring ideas and originality to the students. They provide a creative outlet for the young minds of those with big imaginations. In Robotics, every activity is a student based project. There are many opportunities to construct and program robots. Welding club teaches you to do wig, stick, tig, and oxy-ace welding. Although, the club doesn't have any planned assignments, they do any repairs or tasks that they face. Computer club teaches you the fundamental parts of a computer by studying how info moves throughout the computer and other computer-based information.

Senior Jared Stemper said, "Being in computer club with the same people that are in my classes really helped me become better, closer friends with my classmates. Realizing this makes me wish I could have joined my freshman year and taken a more active role in the future of the club." Between the family values and the key technology skills, these clubs have it all. If there is one way to make learning fun, it's to do it with people you care about.



9. Confidence is Key Sophomore Isabelle Molenaar builds a metal tower for a robotics project. Photo by A. Adams

Oui, Sí, Ja

Speak Foreign to me

Many people take foreign language classes to learn to speak another language because they are interested in the country or just because they want to learn a new language. Junior Madison Rowen said, "At first I took foreign language because I had to, but I learned to love it. I'm currently in my third year of French. I really enjoy it and it has been one of my favorite classes and even given me the opportunity to travel to France."

Foreign language classes are known for making learning fun. The teachers put passion and all their hearts into teaching students, they make learning fun so you have a better understanding of what the culture is like and so they fully understand the language. For the first time, the French and German classes decided to do a traditional dance from France and Germany to teach the students more about these cultures and their traditions.

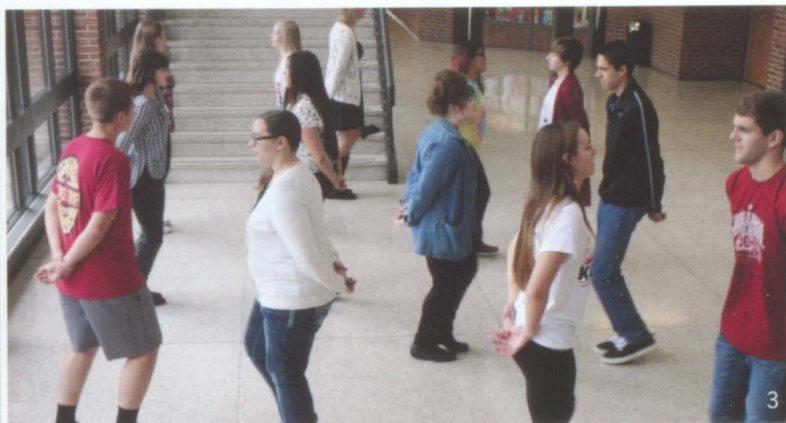
Even though it can be fun, learning a new language can also be challenging. Sophomore Kira Woolever said, "I took a foreign language to be able to expand places I would be able to travel to when I'm older. I have enjoyed German so far. It's a lot of work but a lot of fun."



1. Rock, Paper, Scissors, or Bear, Ninja, Hunter? Students celebrating Oktoberfest play a game called 'Bear, Ninja, Hunter' instead of the traditional game 'Rock, Paper, Scissors.' "I took German because I hope to travel to Germany one day to learn about my heritage. I've taken two years so far, and I've learned a lot about the language and the country," said junior Rhiannon Redinger. Photo by: M. Collins



2. Last Year Ms. Masten teaching after informing her students it will be her last year teaching German classes. She will be missed by everyone! Photo by: K. Kohlhagen 3. One, Two, Three, Step! Mr. Lovely's French class performs the traditional 'La Bouree' dance in the hall, as the other foreign language classes watch. Photo by: E. Evans



4. Drop It and Run! Sophomore Jamie Cole runs to a coffee can with a penny between her legs and drops it in order to score points for her team during an Oktoberfest game. "I really enjoy the challenge of learning a new language. I would recommend German, it's really easy to follow and our teacher's amazing," said Cole. Photo by: M. Collins 5. Class work Senior Hannah Sherwood participates in class by going up to the front to write a sentence on the board. Photo by: J. McLean



6. Study Time Students in Spanish work quietly on homework. Photo by: C. Martinez 7. All In Junior Madison Rowen and senior Austin Abbring help out decorating the foreign language hallway with all of the countries flags during their third year French class. Photo by: E. Evans

1. No, That's A Flower! Ms.

Patterson shows students the difference between weeds and flowers as they pick out weeds from the courtyard. Photo by: E. Evans

2. Keeping Note

Freshman Chloe Myers takes notes during an Environmental Club meeting. Photo by: E. Evans

3. Grouping

Together Members of the Pioneerz Club get together to practice different activities, and ways to spread the gospel. Photo by: H. Cates



Helping Out

Better Piece by Piece

Both the Pioneerz and Environmental Clubs work together to better themselves, others, and the environment: in either a religious or secular way. Together they make the world a better place.

Environmental Club members were privileged with a trip to visit Starved Rock to hike, see eagles, and learn new ways to protect the planet by hearing the words of others who wish to conserve the planet. They enjoyed this time with their teacher Ms. Patterson during her last year at Kankakee Valley, as she will be retiring after almost forty years of teaching.

Pioneerz worked this year to spread the word of the gospel and better their relationship with God. Together they showed their support to one another by helping each other keep their faith strong during tough times. As Christians, they worked to not only better their faith but also the faith of their friends and family around them.



4. Wanna Play a Game? Juniors Daniel Rockley and Bryce Niewoehner play Protect the President as a team building activity with the middle school kids. Photo by: H. Cates

5. Digging for the Environment

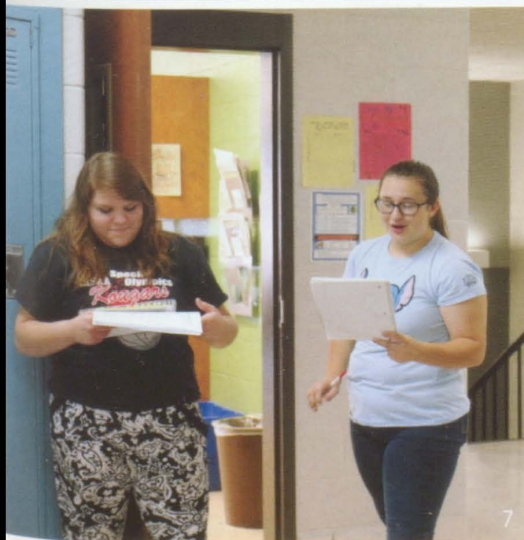
Senior Amber James helps junior Marlisa Padilla plant flowers during their Environmental Club meeting. Photo by: E. Evans

6. Altogether Now Pioneerz Club members pose with a sixth-grade class at the Middle School. Photo by: H. Cates



7. Right On Track Senior Hannah Buckmaster takes the lead while junior Aries Morales listens during their Environmental Club meeting to go over their agenda. Photo by: E. Evans

8. Working Together Juniors Jessica McLean and Julianna Phelps work together to plant flowers for Environmental Club. Photo by: E. Evans





1. **Voila!** As junior Sandra Potts plays her violin, she prepares for the 2016 ISSMA Organizational Contest. Photo by: M. Dodge
2. **Married To The Music** Reading her music, junior Emily Pearson sets her bow as she prepares to join the rest of the Orchestra in the song "For the Star of County Down." Photo by: M. Dodge
3. **Working Together** Senior Bryan Sipkema and junior Sandra Potts lead the Orchestra. Potts is this year's Concert Mistress, and Sipkema steps up in her absence. Photo by: M. Dodge
4. **Violin 2!** Senior Celina DeVires and sophomore Rachel Hunter lead the second violins in their rehearsal of "Mythos." Photo by: M. Dodge



Nothing But Treble

Eat. Sleep. Orchestra. Repeat!

Anyone can whistle a melody; however, it takes an Orchestra to perform it as a Symphony. To some, Orchestra is just a bunch of instruments playing. To others, Orchestra is a form of compassion and creating something more than just music. Being in Orchestra, students meet new people, and they become great friends. They go from making music individually, to creating a beautiful sound together.

String Orchestra this year has met many challenges and many new experiences. Mr. Boersma returned to the podium in his second year of leading the group, and he was joined by Mr. Dinkins. In the spring, when the Full Orchestra was made available to the ensemble, Mr. Dinkins lead the preparation for them, and Mr. Boersma continued with just the string orchestra.

"I really love working with the strings. The style of music that they help create is mesmerizing... It is also a great change of pace from teaching the band classes. They are different character of student and I enjoy being around all of them. All of the hours of rehearsal helps to lead up to performances that give back to their families for the many hours of practice, or lessons that our parents put forth driving the[ir] students to," explained Mr. Boersma.



5. **All About That Bass!** Working on their bowing technique on the bass, seniors Noah Johnson, Kyle Hawrot, and sophomore Kevin Simmons strive to get better. All three joined the Orchestra for the first time during the spring semester. Photo by: M. Dodge



6. Eat. Sleep. Orchestra. Repeat. Playing together as on section, freshman Jessi Tobias, sophomore Wendy McMahon, sophomore Brittany Swafford, and sophomore Ashton Wireman join in with the rest of the class. Photo by: M. Dodge

7. With Careful Counting Sophomores Isabelle Molenaar and Nicholas Raymond read the music and await their entry point. Photo by: M. Dodge

8. All Smiles! As sophomore Jessica Sipkema plays her violin, she thinks about what Orchestra means to her. "It's a thrilling journey. I have had to learn that an orchestra is an entity. We are a large family. I love that we are so close and in our relationship we can create such an elegant sound. Music isn't what we do, it's who we are." Photo by: M. Dodge

Common Threads

Coming Together as a Staff

1. Opening a New Chapter When asked why she wanted to join yearbook her senior year, Samantha Mitchell said, "I joined yearbook because it's cool to say that I worked on my senior yearbook. Plus, it's helped me deal with high-stress situations. I'm very glad I took yearbook." Photo By: M. Collins



2. Take the Picture Sophomore Maris Dodge decided to take the leap and dive into second semester yearbook. When asked why, she replied: "I joined yearbook because it was the closest thing I could get to a class involving the use of cameras. Also, I've always seen pictures and heard great things about the yearbook and how fun they are." Photo By: E. Evans



3. Coming Full Circle Staff members pose in the grass for a spur of the moment photo shoot on their way back from a field trip to IUPUI. Photo by: R. Deulley

4. Strike a Pose During yearbooks christmas party, junior Katelyn Eger poses in front of another staff members blanket. Photo by: L. Riffe

New adviser, new staff, new rules to adjust to; everything can change in an instant in yearbook, but one thing that never changes is the strong bond built between the staff members and their adviser.

There's a lot of work that goes into making the yearbook, for instance making sure there's always someone at any school event, having to know everyone in the school, making stressful deadlines, etc. During stressful times like these, the only people who understand what you are going through are other staff members. That is why such a strong bond is created. Once you join yearbook you're practically doing everything together as a staff. Any spare moment you have is spent doing yearbook or helping others with their yearbook assignments.

"When I originally joined yearbook freshman year it was to guarantee that I would have a class with my friends. As the year progressed, I soon realized that I had made more friends and created a stronger bond with my yearbook 'family' than I had through the first 14 years of my life. With all of the changes that have occurred involving the class I was worried that the bond would be lost, but it is still as strong as ever. Yearbook has taught me A LOT over the past 3 years but nothing more than what it means to truly always have a friend when you need one," said editor Jessica McLean.

While the class can be stressful, it can also be a lot of fun. From parties, to field trips, to school picture day; as the year goes on the bond between the staff gets stronger and stronger. By the end of the year, you realize that you have gained a great group of friends that you can count on for almost anything.





5. Say Cheese! Sophomore Lexi Smith pauses to take a picture of the photographer taking her picture. As a yearbook assignment, Lexi had to take pictures of Mrs. Heufts ICP class. Photo by: E. Evans

6. Peek-A-Boo! Yearbooks new advisor, Mrs. Rochelle Deulley, is caught being silly during their Christmas party. Photo by: K. Eger



7. A Helping Hand. Sophomore Ana Valenzuela helps classmate Katlyn Kohlhaben finish her spread for the upcoming deadline. Photo by: E. Evans

8. Lost in Thought Every year, the yearbook staff takes some sort of educational field trip to better their publication skills. The bus ride to and from IUPUI in Indianapolis was long, but the yearbook staff made the best of it by joking around and laughing with each other. Co-editor, Jessica McLean, takes a moment to herself to look out the window, pondering how much fun everyone had on the first bonding moment between the new staff. Photo by: M. Collins



9. Sing your heart out Freshman Ashur Adams, and senior Cynthia Martinez sing loud and proud on their way home from IUPUI. The duo wasn't afraid to sing embarrassingly loud around the other staff members. Photo by: M. Collins



Coming Together as One

Family Isn't Always Related

"I never really knew how close-knitted the cheer team was until I joined. They all are amazing girls and athletes. I don't see the cheer team just as my team. They are my family and coach Sam is our mom. Cheer has formed my future and who I am today," junior Alyssa Evolga said.

Sometimes family doesn't mean being related by blood, but by bond. Through thick and thin, the cheerleaders manage to put their difference aside and work together as a family. By supporting each other through practices, competitions, and games, being a cheerleader is harder than what it looks like.

"We accidentally hurt each other all the time. Stunting takes a lot of physical abuse, but at the end of the day, all the bruises and hard work is worth it," senior Emily Poe said. Getting hurt goes with the turf, but cheerleaders manage to not take the pain personally. In the end, cheerleaders know how to come together as one.



1. Cheer Extreme JV girls Nikholet Porter, 9, Kaylee Wireman, 10, Amanda Greathouse, 11, Kaitlyn Overbey, 9, Eryn Risner, 9, and Emily Vujko, 10, all in formation at half time at one of KV's home games. Photo by: C. Martinez
2. Can't Hide our Pride JV cheerleader Amanda Greathouse, junior, and varsity player Emily Searer, senior, lead the young girls at the Kougar mini cheer camp. Photo by: E. Evans
3. Win Kougars Win Katia Fedor shows her support for the football team. Working in all types of weather, she and many other cheerleaders kept the spirit going. Her and her squad worked hard on many chants, dance moves, and formations. She always kept a smile on her face— even on cold nights. Photo by: E. Evans





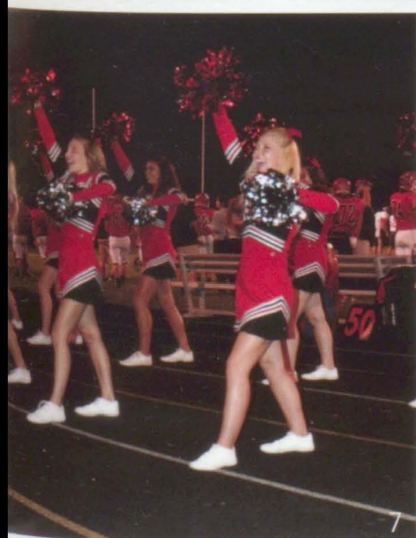
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4. Go Kougars Freshmen Kaitlyn Overbey, senior Victoria DeKock, and freshmen Lilly Ward are lifted into the air at a KV basketball home game. Pain is considered part of the deal; "Once we were doing 'tornados' and I fell and elbowed my base in the eye, and she had a black eye for about two weeks," said Overbey. Photo by: C. Martinez

5. Fight Fight Male cheerleaders Lucas Bohannon, senior, Darin Kapella, senior, and Michael Smiejek, freshmen, are screaming into the megaphones to distract the other team from scoring. Photo by: C. Martinez

6. Smile Wide From weather changes to different seasons, there is always be a smile on all of these cheerleader's faces. These three cheerleaders Victoria DeKock, Kristen Krieg, and Taylor Tracy posed at the Kougars mini cheer camp near the football field. Photo by: E. Evans

7. Defense Defense Varsity cheerleader, sophomore Kaitlyn Saxon cheers on with the rest of her team. Keeping the crowd involved in the game is crucial. Photo by: K. Kohlhausen

8. We're the Mighty Kougars Kaitlyn Moore, senior, and Kaitlyn Saxon, sophomore, cheering with the KV football supporting crowd. Photo by: E. Evans



[SPRING]

Drip, Drip, Drop... Freshmen DaVid Pitre and Kennedy Renz jump into a rain puddle in the courtyard by the west annex. The two enjoyed a brief break from a recent onslaught of spring rain. Photo by: E. Evans



Put Your Game Face On!

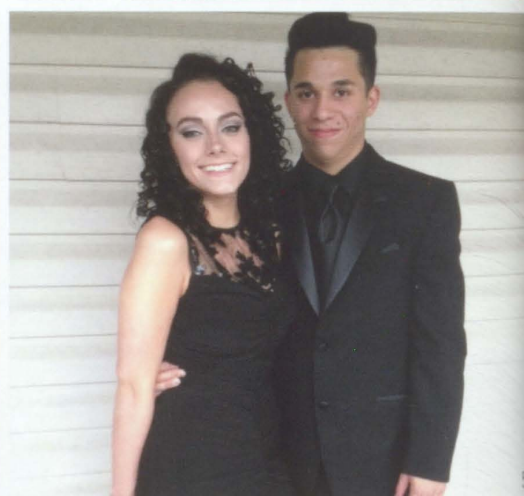
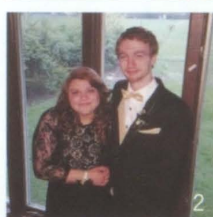
Red Carpet Ready!

Everyone looks forward to their senior prom. All over social media, prom goers uploaded their tuxes and dresses to show their friends and family how they transformed from original to prom special edition. Although prom isn't just limited to seniors, anyone in the school can go if they are accompanied by an upperclassmen, which makes prom a better experience.

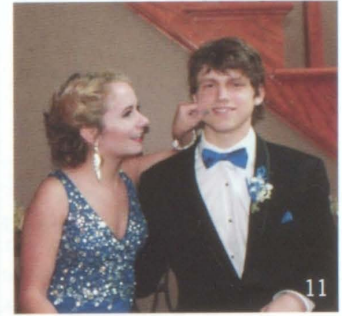
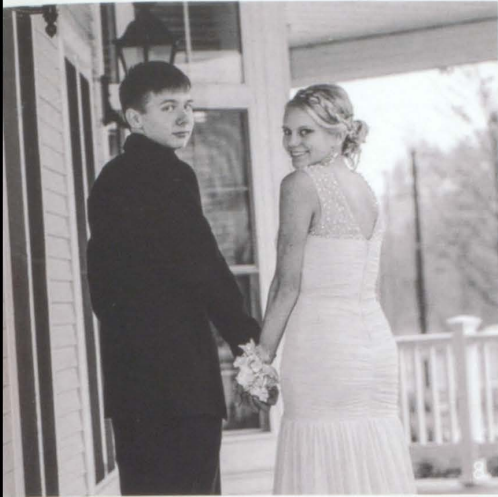
As part of the theme, Yearbook asked the student body to submit pictures with their friends, teachers, and family members.

"Everyone gets to see how they look at prom, but they never get to see the process of getting ready for it. Prom is something that needs time and requires organization for it to be perfect," said yearbook advisor Mrs. Deulley.

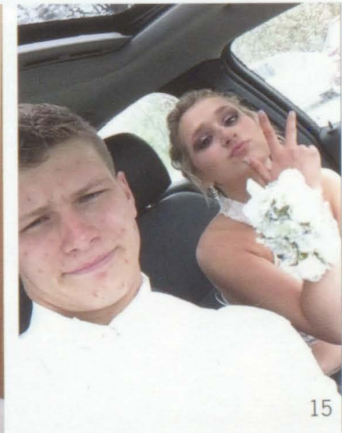
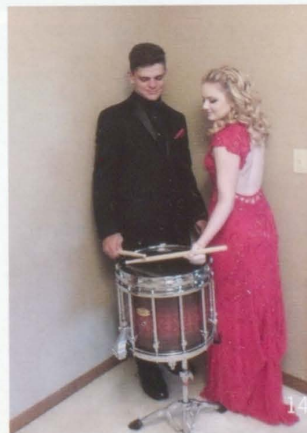
1. **Teacher's Pet** Taking a picture with her favorite teacher, prom queen Emily Poe and Mr. Martin make lasting memories of the special day to remember. 2. **KV Guest Date** Bringing her boyfriend from a different school, junior Arias Morales gathers with her prom date to take multiple shots. 3. **Twinning** Being close friends, seniors Amber James and Rebecca Ruth take pictures of how similar their dress colors are. 4. **Winna Winna** Having dinner before prom, juniors Elizabeth Evans and Jessica McLean enjoy Noodles and Company. "The best part was that we got our dinner for free!" Jessica McLean said. 5. **One Last Time** As their last year for prom, seniors Felicia Galusha and Jonah Wilson take their last senior prom picture.



6. Felicia Galusha and Jonah Hill take a moment to remember all of the fun that they're about to have. 7. **Old Style** Taking quality pictures, senior Kyla Porter and her date, Chad Hill, wear their nicest clothing. Chad Hill wore his military suit.



8. **Lemme Take a Selfie** Posing for pictures at Oak grove, junior Julianna Phelps and sophomore Joshua Anderson hold hands before attending the dance. 9. **Who Needs A Date?** As their first junior prom, Vivian Gregory and Taylor Pyzynski go to their junior prom as friends and enjoy their time with all their friends. 10. **Prom Squad** Going out to dinner before prom started, their prom group went to Red Robin. "It was fun when people complimenting us on how we looked and the food was amazing," senior Haylie Wheeler said. 11. **Prom Helper** Being one of the helpers and dressed up as a taxi driver that fit the theme, sophomore Mikayla Collins takes a selfie before leaving.



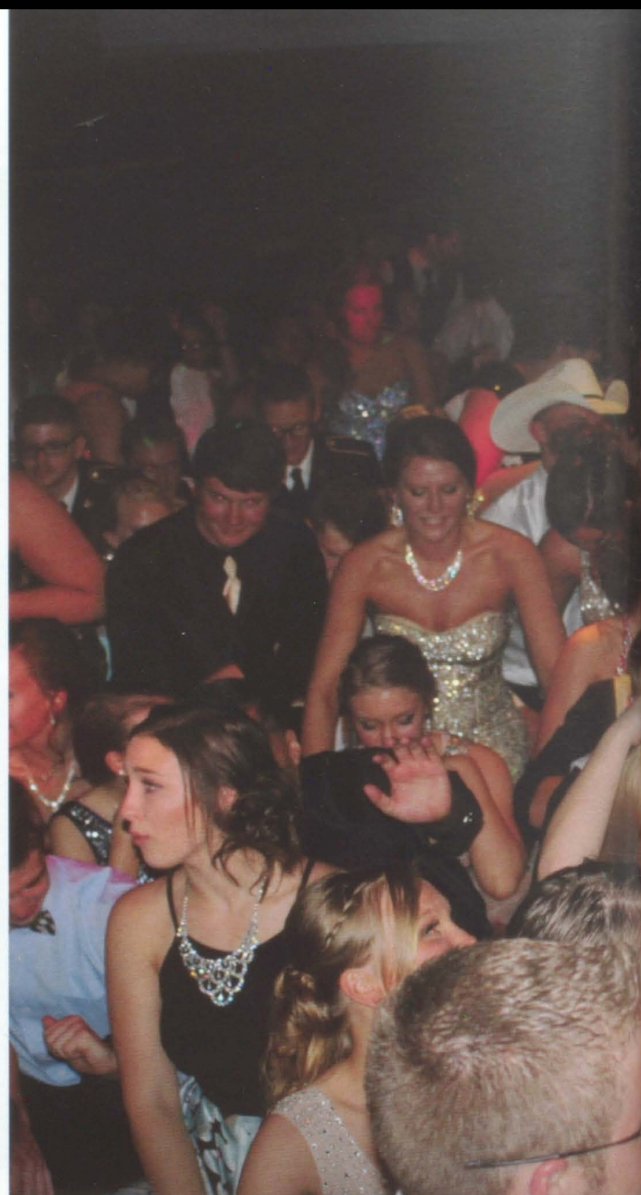
14. **Do What You Love** Being both in drum line, junior Lucas Bohannon and sophomore Rylie Gray take a picture of doing what they love. 15. **Fast and Furious: Prom Edition** Senior Hunter Wenglarz and junior Madison Rosiak take a selfie in the car. 16. **Group Selfies** As a big group of friends, these students take a picture of their special night.

"Prom was better with friends."
-Cynthia Martinez, 12

1. Making Memories Prom attendees senior Nathan Guerrero, senior Sarah Kerkes, Eric Vorst, senior Faith Hoffman, and junior Rhiannon Redinger all pose with colorful souvenir cups as they wait for prom to get underway. Photo by: C. Martinez

2. Right Foot, Two Stomps! Juniors Austin Wright, Faith Odle, and Ronald Parchem dance to the classic Cha Cha Slide out on the floor. Photo by: E. Evans

3. Dance the Night Away! All the prom-goers congregate together on the dancefloor as an upbeat song plays and the memories of their prom are created. Photo by: E. Evans



A Night at the Big Apple

The City Life

If you ask your parents what their favorite memory from high school was, they will most likely say something along the lines of a school dance, especially prom.

For a lot of people, prom is a night that will always be remembered, especially for seniors. "Knowing that it was my last prom, it was a bittersweet moment," said senior Nathan Guerrero. "During prom, I was nothing but smiles and the night was perfect. So in conclusion, I guess my senior prom was pretty

great!"

Senior Emily Poe was crowned prom queen, while senior Nick Deering was crowned prom king. It was a night filled with memories, and students had a lot of fun.

Although prom is a large milestone for upperclassmen, it can also be a great event for underclassmen who were invited by juniors and seniors. "My experience was kind of intimidating because of all the upperclassmen, but it didn't really make it any less enjoyable. My overall time at prom was

unforgettable," explained sophomore Mikaela Bradley.

"During prom, it was boiling hot, but I had a lot of fun dancing. After prom was great because we made lots of memories at Taco Bell."

"Overall, prom was an awesome, fun, and quite expensive experience," shared freshman Ashur Adams. Prom truly can be an unforgettable time for just about anyone. These are the times that make high school memories the best: especially late-night Taco Bell runs after prom.



4. **Dance the Night Away** Wearing novelty gloves with lights on the fingertips, junior Mason Ross lights it up on the dancefloor. Photo by: C. Martinez 5. **Here Comes the Queen!** Senior Emily Poe stands proudly in front of her peers holding a bouquet that she was gifted as she was announced prom queen 2016. Photo by: C. Martinez 6. **The Last Dance** Junior Samantha Allen and senior Jacob Tillger pose for a photo out on the dance floor during prom. Photo by: T. Kingma

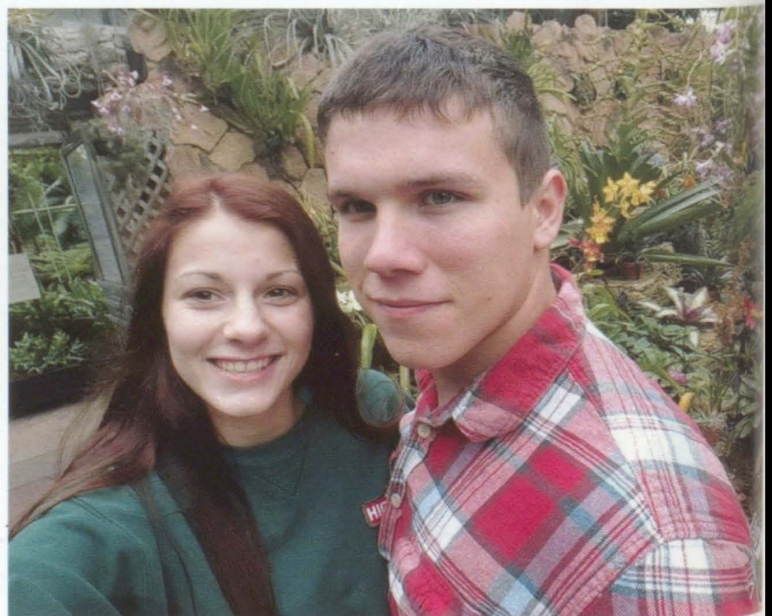
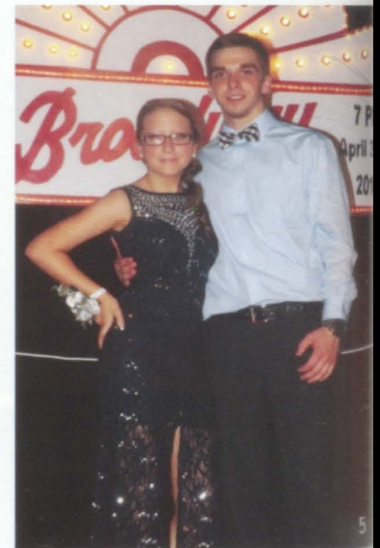
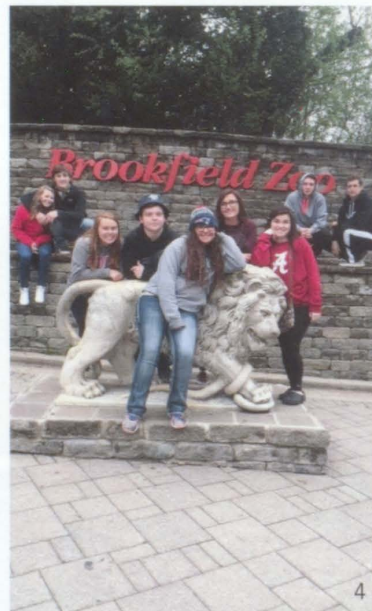
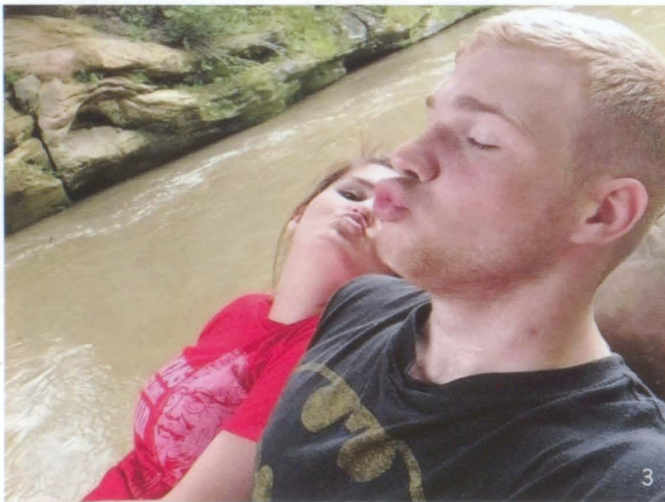
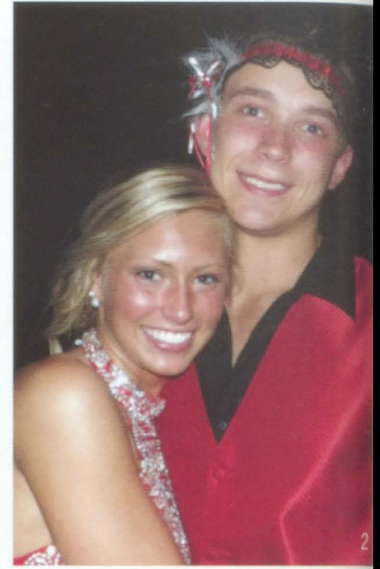


The Party Zone

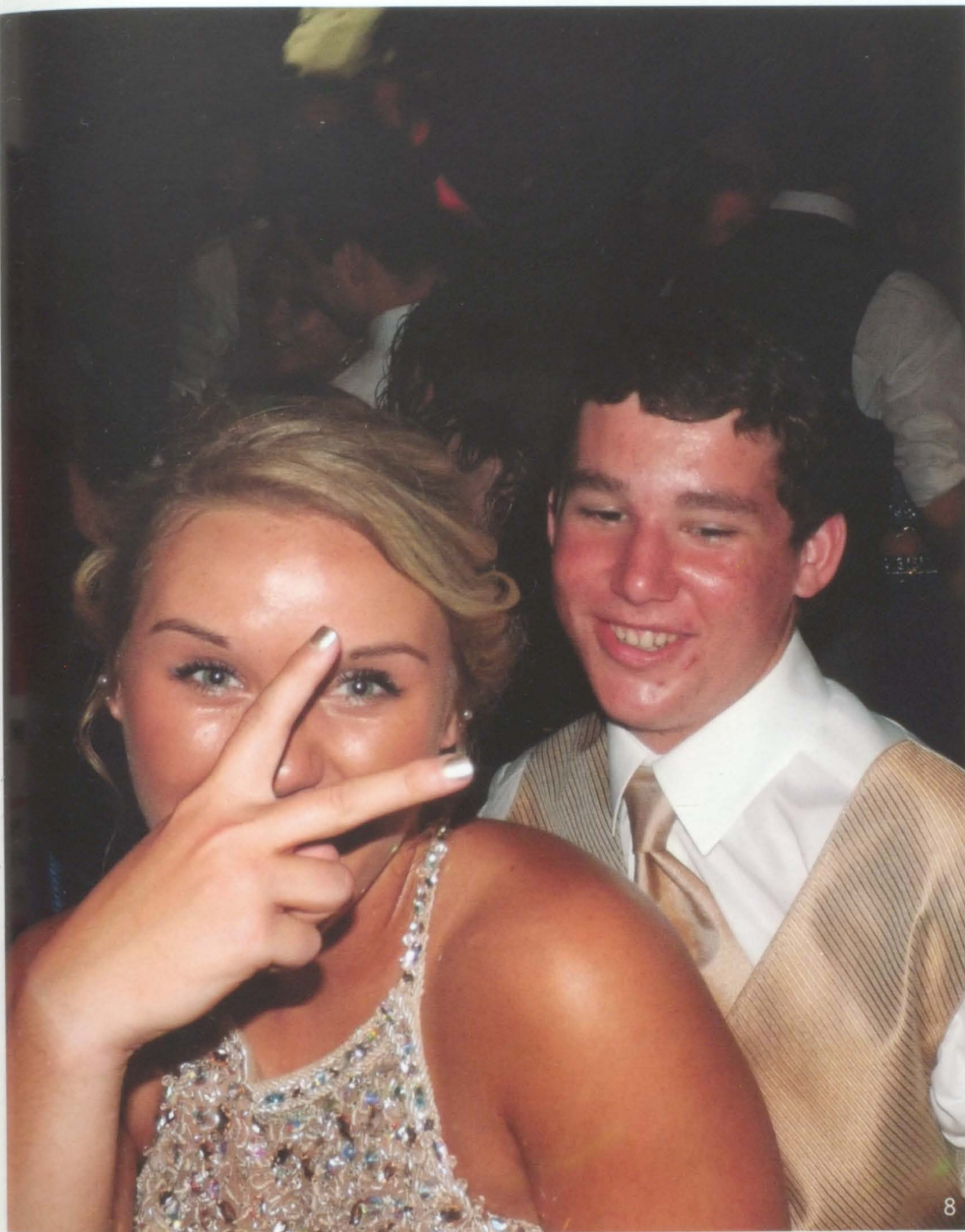
But First, Let Me Take a Selfie

Prom is many things to many people. Prom is a night to remember, a night to forget, or a night closer to graduation. No matter what, a lot of memories were made that night. When students look back at that time, they can say that they lived through the ups and downs: the moments when everything went as planned, and the moments when everything went helter-skelter. "It was crazy because I had to work, then go home and get ready in ten minutes to get my date and then go take pictures," remembers sophomore Trystan Steele. Many students were busy before prom began: "It was really stressful making my hair appointment and makeup and trying to estimate how long it's going to take for my hair and makeup to be done," said sophomore Mayra Davila Acero.

Not everything lasts forever but having a great party at the end of the year was a great way to celebrate all of these students' hard work. Make memories that last a lifetime, live in the instant, and don't look back.



1. Six Flags Seniors celebrate prom by going to Six Flags afterwards.
2. Having Fun Juniors Payton Gutwein and Raegan Walther smile for the camera. Photo by: T. Kingma
3. Outdoors Senior Judith Smart and senior Creed Gentz enjoy some time at Turkey Run. Photo by: K. Gentz
4. At the Zoo Prom attendees continue celebrating at the Brookfield Zoo, as they pause for a picture.
5. On Broadway Jared Saliga and Elena Grove pose during prom. Photo by: T. Kingma
6. At the Bean Senior Jacob Drwal, senior Kelsey Wireman, senior Brandon Cochran, sophomore Willow Stamper, sophomore Preston Buck, and senior Ashley Gidley pose in front of the Bean in Chicago. The group traveled there shortly after prom. Photo by: P. Buck
7. Couple Shot Sophomore Willow Stamper and senior Jacob Drwal pose at the Conservatory in Lincoln Park. Photo by: W. Stamper

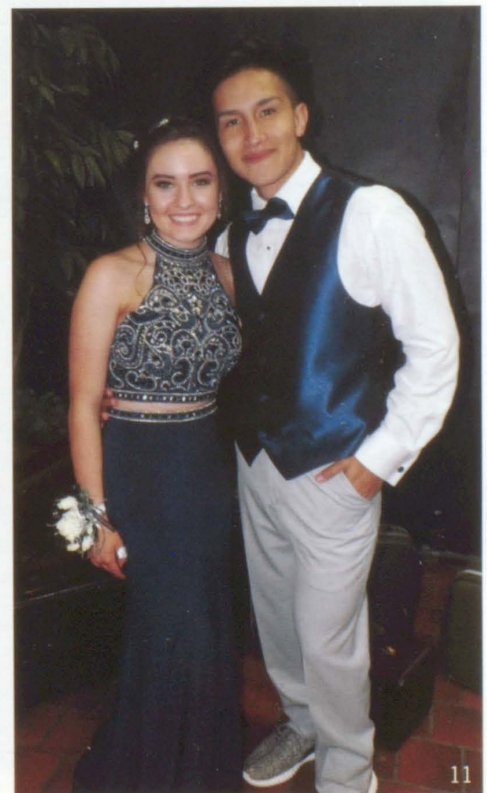


8. Show Me Your Moves Senior Alyssa Eger and junior Cameron Hemphill dance on the dance floor. Photo by: T. Kingma

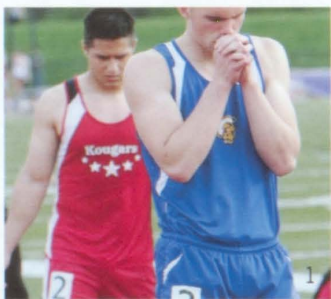
9. Living it Up Prom attendees pose for an attitude shot. Photo by: T. Kingma

10. On the Dance Floor Sophomore Nicholas Skrobol, senior Alyssa Serviss, senior Elizabeth Torbitt, and sophomore Gavin Tillema carve it up on the dance floor. Photo by: T. Kingma

11. Cutest Couple Senior Superlative-winning couple senior Taylor Hachlica and senior Patrick Garcia pose together during prom. They really do make a cute couple! Photo by: T. Kingma



1. **Getting Ready** Senior Oscar Gutierrez Medel prepares before his race. Photo by: E. Rohzon 2. **Ready, Set, Jump!** Senior Erin Gouwens is getting ready to pole vault. She counts her steps before she pushes herself off the ground with the pole and soars through the air. Photo by: J. Gray 3. **Keep Your Eyes on the Goal** Junior Raegan Walther and Leah Gouwens keep their eyes on the finish line, knowing that their opponents are close. They stay focused in order to win the match for their team. Photo by: D. Gowens



Running for Success

Boy's and Girl's Track Work Hard

Track is a fun and highly competitive sport. Boy's track had an average performance and they are trying to gain even more members. Mr. Adams is the coach for boy's track and he says, "I enjoy helping the athletes find an event that they are best at and then help[ing] them improve in that event."

Girl's track has also had a good season. They placed second at conference and are preparing for sectionals, followed by regionals. Boys and Girls also hope to go participate at state. It was freshman Garrett Brewster's first year in track and he said, "I had a great time with my buds and I cannot wait for next year." On the girl's track team, freshman Sarah Martin said, "Being a freshman in track was intimidating running against upper classman at first, but in the end they supported me 110%." On the other hand, Junior Val Peterson, who has been in track a few years, commented, "I enjoy the competition that will encourage me to push myself to my limit and beyond." Boy's and girl's track teams have a bright future ahead of them.



"The relationships you develop with everyone and your coaches are priceless." -Bryant Phegley, 10

4. Running for the Finish Line The girls track team rushes to the finish line and stays focused because they know that at the end of the race the victory will be theirs.

Photo by: D. Gowens 5. Ready, sSet, Go! The boys track team doesn't mess around when it comes to practice. They practiced hard so they can win on their next meet. Photo by: E. Rozhon 6. Stretching The track team prepares for their meet by stretching and giving each other talks to motivate each other. Photo by: E. Rozhon



7. Victory is Ours! The girls track team did well at their competition. From top left to right, Jazmyne Mehay, senior, Kirsten Hentschel, sophomore, Brooke Purnea, sophomore, Jenna Jungels, senior, Nicole Nannenga, sophomore, Crystal Benitez, sophomore, Halee Griffey, freshman. The trophy they earned will be cherished for many years. Photo by: J. Gray 8. Leap to Success Senior Jenna Jungels is preparing to run track in college. She says, "I am looking forward to being on a team with great athletes who will push me to do better. I am also looking forward to be[ing] part of a great team." Photo by: J. Gray



Luck be a Lady, Tonight! The gamblers of the show raise their hats as they sing and dance with sophomore Gerrit Oorns playing the lead, Sky Masterson. "I fell in love with this show at first sight," said sophomore Gavin Tillema, a fellow gambler. "Being in theater arts had given me the confidence to do it, and joining the play was one of the most fun things I've been in." Photo by: M. Dodge



Do You Take Sinners Here? Sky Masterson acts slick as he approaches Sarah Brown in her church and tries to convince her to go on a date with him. Photo by: M. Dodge



I Love You a Bushel and a Peck! Sarah Schatzel tap dances and sings as she plays as Miss Adelaide with her Hot Box Barberettes backing her up. Photo by: M. Dodge



I'll Know... Sky Masterson, played by sophomore Gerrit Ooms, is given the spotlight during a duet song with senior Alyssa Serviss. Here, he hinted his love for Sarah as he sang 'I'll Know,' a song about love. Photo by: M. Dodge



Sit down, Sit down, Sit down! The gamblers and missionaries unite in the church as Sister Nicely Nicely Johnson gave testimony and sings about her dream of going to heaven. Photo by: M. Dodge



Alone in the Dark Nathan Detroit, a character played by sophomore Nicholas Skrobul, sits in the dark after a hot box show; he twirls his hat to avoid boredom as he waits for his fiancée, Miss Adelaide. "It has been a pleasure to get to know all of the upperclassmen throughout my theatrical career," Skrobul said. Photo by: M. Dodge



Luck Be a Lady

Theater Goes Vintage

"You might forget your manners, you might refuse to stay, and so the best that I can do is pray. One, two, three, four, five!" These lines come from the cast's favorite song "Luck Be A Lady" from the 2016 Spring play, *Guys and Dolls*, directed by Mrs. Jill Steiner. Being the last show of the year, many of the seniors felt nostalgic on the final performance night. "My first show was when I was in seventh grade. I was shy and awkward and all I wanted was to do a good job. As for my last, it was a total time warp. Compared to my first show, I felt confident, and I had gone from chorus to lead!" exclaimed senior Sarah Schaezel.

For many, theater is a place that students can feel free to be themselves

and express their talent in their own way. For seniors, it is especially difficult to perform their last show because it may be their last time on stage if they do not plan to participate in community or college theater. "Knowing it was my last show, it all felt surreal," explained senior Liz Torbitt. "I was both happy and sad all at the same time. It might be my last, but all the memories will still live on that stage."

The total show took weeks to prepare, but only took place within about 22 practices. Most would say that 22 days is a short time to put together a two-act show, but for director Jill Steiner, it is something of second nature: "we spend our time creating magic instead of making excuses."



1. Listen Here, You Dirty Gamblers! Miss Sarah Brown, played by senior Alyssa Serviss, gives her speech about rising against all evil and joining her mission band. With her missionaries behind her, she realized that no one was interested in her pitch, and went on her way. Photo by: M. Dodge
2. Going Down on the Farm The hot box girls put on their best showgirl faces to impress the boys watching as they perform their dance number 'A Bushel and a Peck.' Sophomores Bridget Hoffman, Vanessa Donovan, and Donelle Birch would chat and giggle in preparation of dancing behind Sarah Schaezel, who played Miss Adelaide. Photo by: M. Dodge



1. **Managing** Juniors Julianna Phelps and Jessica Vasquez go over the roster to make sure all the players are accounted for. Photo by: E. Allen 2. **In a Tight Pitch** Sophomore Gavin Turpin throws a hard pitch toward the opposing team, hoping to strike them out. Photo by: J. McLean 3. **Group Huddle** The guys all huddle up and listen to a play. Photo by: E. Allen 4. **Swing!** Senior Gregory Larzelere steps up to bat and waits for the ball to come flying at him to crack the bat against the ball sending it soaring. Photo by: J. McLean 5. **Run Boy!** Junior Ryker Porter runs drills with his team to warm up for the upcoming games. Photo by: E. Allen 6. **Don't Strike Out** Sophomore Logan VanVleet brings the bat forward to hit the oncoming ball. Photo by: E. Allen 7. **Look to the Stars** Junior Michael Popp looks out into the field to watch his fellow teammates. Photo by: E. Allen 8. **It's a Homer!** Junior Jacob Jones connects with the ball in a big way. Photo by: J. McLean

Hey Batter, Swing!



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Don't Strike Out

Everyone wants to win and nobody likes to feel like a failure or let their team down. Baseball had a rough season, and although their hopes hanged low, their baseball manager held hers high. Junior Julianna Phelps explains, "I love seeing the boys get all hyped up when they're having a good inning or when they're playing at different

fields. Watching them do cool things and enjoy the game is an experience I wouldn't trade." Even though the boys had a rough season, they still feel united. Senior Gregory Larzelere said the one thing he would really miss about baseball was "my teammates because they're the best group of guys I've ever come to know."

1. Line up! Taking a moment of silence, the softball girls pay their respects by putting their hand on their heart or holding their hands in place. Photo by: C. Maple

2. Hit a Homerun! Hitting a homerun on her first hit, sophomore Lillian Blanchard runs the whole bases while being cheered on by her team. Photo by: C. Maple

3. Sliding into homebase Not wanting to be tagged out, Hailey Miller slides into base to score a point. Photo by: C. Martinez



Going to State

One for the Books

Hard work and dedication is what lead the varsity softball team to state. They were runner-ups at state. The community was very proud of the girls; the pride was so great that, after every win since regionals, the team was escorted by firetrucks and police vehicles. This is the first year that KV softball team won regionals and had the chance to play at state.

The girls put in a lot of practices this year. Even after school ended, the team's season was still in play: they still had to wake up early and go to practices. The girls take pride in all their wins and accomplishments. This was truly a year that will be remembered for many years to come. Congratulations to varsity softball!



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"All the hard work and dedication paid off in the end of the season. I hope it continues on to the next years to come to win a state championship." -Kendall Winnick, 11

4. I got it! Sophomore Lindsay Stokes snatches the ball off the ground during pre-game warm ups. Photo by: C. Maple

5. United as One After winning their game, the team runs into the field to high five and hug each other. Photo by: C. Maple

6. Practice makes perfect Practicing her throw, junior Emma Maple throw the ball to her teammates before the big game. Photo by: C. Maple

7. Get Ready Getting ready to throw the ball to her teammate on second base, ___ gets concentrated on throwing it. Photo by: C. Maple

8. Grand Slam Getting ready to hit the ball, junior Kierra Dahlgren gets to second base. Photo by: C. Maple



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"Anime club is extremely important. For me, it's a place to hang out with awesome people with similar interests and escape reality for just a little while," said senior Autumn Fagenbaum
Photo by: E. Allen



"Anime club has been a project we have finally finished. I'm so proud to call myself the co-president of this little escapade. Hard work does pay off," said senior Samantha Mitchell.
Photo by: E. Allen



"It's a place where I feel I belong and to let out my inner nerd. As well as hang out with all my new friends," said freshman Angela Hensley.
Photo by E. Allen



Players to Battle

Computer Club Lends a PAW

What does LAN stand for? It stands for Local Area Network. Computer Club uses this acronym for their yearly party which raises money for PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society). PAWS is an animal shelter based out of Lakeshore, Indiana. This event has been going on for three years strong, and it has raised six hundred and seventy-eight dollars. Students came to school on March 12th to play video games and have fun. Senior Zachary Stalhandske

said, "All of the participants... [were] my favorite part. Being able to play games with my fellow clubmates is amazing."

All proceeds went to PAWS. Not only does PAWS benefit the pet, but it also benefits the community itself. Junior Hunter Baggerly said, "It helps the community by taking donations from those who attended to give to charity." Computer Club does a great job of supporting their community.

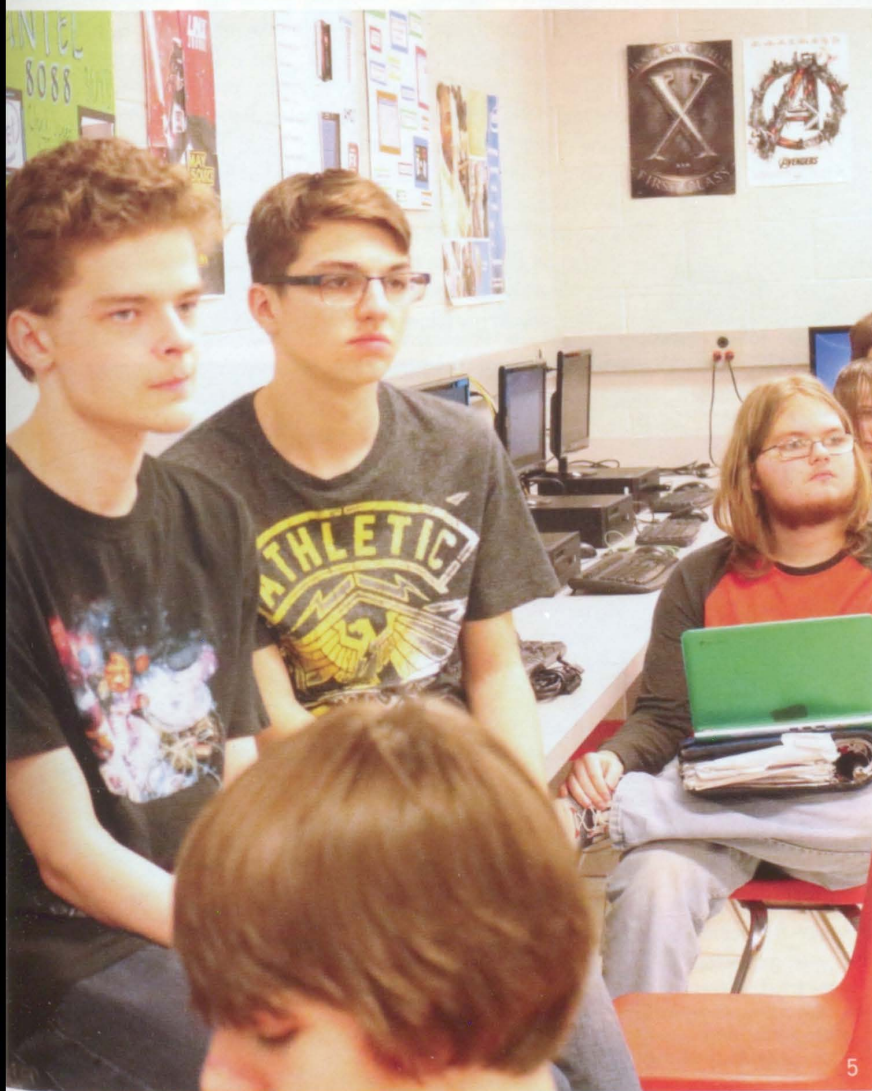


1. Game On! Junior Gabriel Gonzalez plays a rhythm style game and is intensely listening to the beat of the music. Photo by: S. Mitchell 2. Say Cheese! Seniors Autumn Fagenbaum and Samantha Mitchell call for a group photo with senior Brianna Keister, freshman Raleigh Redinger, and sophomore Jonathan Patton, junior Erin Mccracken, junior Kailynn Blumer, and freshman Veronica Buckmaster. Photo by V. Buckmaster 3: Kagame, Kagame! Freshman Angela Hensley starts the next round of the Japanese game Kagame Kagame, which involves the person in the middle listening for who might end up behind them. She then had to figure out who was behind her. Photo by E. Allen





4. Build it Right Mr. Pulido shows off the small gaming device that he and a few students made in computer club. Photo by S. Mitchell



5. Listen Up! Freshmen Austin Krooswyk, Mark Tarbutton, Thomas Curry sit around listening to Mr. Pulido tell a funny story about camp. Photo by S. Mitchell

6. Gather Round! Senior Zachary Stalhandske, juniors Hunter Baggerly, Nolan Kordys and Connor Carlson-Burke listen attentively as Mr. Pulido talks about the LAN party. Photo by S. Mitchell

We Have Chemistry

Let's Add 'Em Up

Math, social studies, and science classes that are offered in the state of Indiana are only required to be taken three years out of their four year high school career, unlike English, that must be taken for four years. This makes math and science classes seem less important than English.

Since they are only required to be taken for three years, a high percentage of seniors do not take advantage of taking another year of either of these courses that are offered.

"The reason I didn't [take] a math class this year is because I wanted to have more time to focus on the classes that I needed to pass to graduate instead of classes that I didn't need," said senior Felicia Galusha.

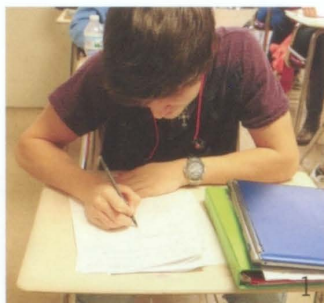
Although students are not required to take these courses, many state colleges advise high school students to take advantage of them.

"Half of all american community students must take remedial math..." according to the advocacy group Complete College America.

Many underclassmen have already decided they will not be taking a science or math course their senior year. For example, sophomore Alejandro Zavala Hernandez explained how he doesn't see a point in taking classes that aren't required.

"It's not required to be taken, so I'm not going to waste my time taking a class I don't need. Instead, I'll take another engineering class that would help me in my future career," Zavala said.

1. Taking Notes After finishing up some notes during Mrs. Chapleau's eighth period Algebra II, junior Cameron Hastings begins his homework assignment. Photo by: C. Martinez



2. Work Time Being assigned homework on MathXL, junior Kailynn Blumer writes down the work for the question. Teachers began using online programs like this to have students adjust to using Schoology. Photo by: C. Martinez

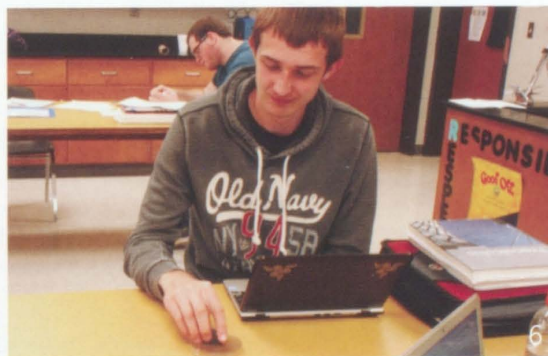


3. Scientist at Work Taking the class outside, Mrs. Coster helps senior Kyle Rae set his rocket and measure the distance it travels. Photo by: F. Odle **4. Small Steps** Working in groups for a class activity, sophomore Owen Misch and his partner senior Wyatt DeKock measure their steps for displacement. Photo by: L. Smith





5. Gotta Blast! Helping junior Jacob Jones set up his rocket, Mrs. Coaster prepares the rocket for flight. Her physics class created models as a project. Photo by: F. Odle **6. Science is Attractive!** Senior Brett Fase is testing his magnets in Mrs. Coster's science class. Photo by: S. Mitchell **7. Pencils Down** Junior Andrew Marich takes out his computer during his Algebra II class to look over his homework before submitting it. Photo by: C. Martinez



8. Old Fashioned Being one of the few to still take notes on paper, junior Ashley Mekola begins taking notes the old-fashioned way.

"Mrs. Chapleau always gives us the notes on paper, so it's easier to take them on the notes," Mekola said. Photo by: C. Martinez

9. Tech in the Classroom Taking notes on his Chromebook provided by the school, sophomore Jason Luedtke prefers to use the technology provided instead of using paper and pencil. Photo by: C. Martinez

1. Art Workshop Day Mason Ross, 11, Breanne Lessner, 11, and Paytyn Abbring, 9 are working on creating character sculptures out of clay during the Art Workshop day at St. Joseph's College. Photo by: L. Preston

6. Let's Get Crafty Busily working on their art class work, Haley Stanley, 9, and Baylee Klawitter, 10, glue the pieces together. Photo by: F. Odle



One Brush Stroke at a Time

The World of Art

Mr. Cochran and Mrs. Preston teach all of the art classes that are available at Kankakee Valley High School. They encourage students to be creative in their artwork and for them to try their hardest. The world of art is a very exciting place. It opens up many possibilities for people of all ages to express themselves through the form of painting, sculpting, three dimensional art, and so much more. "You can always go to it to throw your emotion down on a big

canvas, using different colors and materials to show how you feel or feel toward something," explained Nathan Hudecek, 10. Students often take these art classes to pursue a career in this profession.

Over the years, many students had the opportunity to show off their artwork at places such the Regional High School Art Show at Saint Joseph's College. Art means a lot to each and every student in this class, and through art is how they express themselves. Each student

has a technique they prefer over another.

Junior Miranda White expounds on this idea: "My favorite media... to work with [is] ceramics. It means the world to me to express myself just with a ball of clay. It turns out to be amazing." Some students prefer painting, while others prefer sculpting. No matter which style of art students prefer, their art always comes together because of the hard work and determination of the art teachers.





2. **Helpful Hands** Mr. Cochran shows freshman, Philip Packwood how to get started on his class project. Photo by: K. Eger 3. **Award of Excellence** Senior Breanne Lessner stands next to one of her winning art projects. Along with Emma Abbring, Haley Ayres, Adam Buckmeister, Maris Dodge, Kayla Groen, and Justine Swisher, Lessner won an Award of Excellence for her art entry at the Regional High School Arts Show. Photo by: L. Preston 4. **Masterpieces** Junior Christina Birky poses alongside her pottery entries. Along with eight other students, Birky received the Award of Excellence at the Regional High School Arts Show. Photo by: L. Preston



5. **Sponsored by Prairie Arts Council** Students pose near the band room after competing at the Regional High School Arts Show. Front Row Justine Swisher, 12, Hayley Collins, 10, Maris Dodge, 10, Christian Baez, 10, Marlisa Padilla, 11, Zoey Riffett, 10, and Kaitlyn Saxon, 10 Second Row Christina Birky, 11, Ashlea Mickle, 10, Nicole Meyer, 9, Rachel Hunter, 10, Haley Ayres, 12, and Jessi Tobias, 9 Third Row Adam Buckmaster, 11, Sylvia Pritt, 11, Emma Abbring, 12, Jack Anderson, 12, Jenna VanSoest, 12, Breanne Lessner, 12, and Kayla Gruen, 12. Photo by: K. Kohlhausen



Sophomore Mitchell Calderone expresses the emotion he feels when he's at the piano: "When I play piano, my brain lets go and my hands take over."



Sophomore Vanessa Donovan enjoyed being in Jazz choir, "I was super excited. It was great knowing that our music would shine on stage after all that practice."



Freshman Olivia Veldman enthuses, "My favorite part of choir is the people and our two teachers because... they are so nice and welcoming."



Don't be Sharp, be Natural

Jazz Choir Takes the Stage

Let the show begin! Chorus director, Mrs. Faletto, brought a new choir to the stage for the Christmas concert. Jazz choir is a smaller group that requires an audition, and they perform more soulful numbers. Sophomore Toby Aldrich says, "Jazz choir is a very fun time and I get to socialize with my friends." Jazz choir is one of four choirs. The others are beginning, intermediate (which is an all female choir), and advanced.

Choir isn't just a class to most of the choral musicians. When asked

if she would continue choir after high school, senior Elizabeth Torbitt said, "Well, duh! I mean singing is my life. What else will I be doing with my life after high school? I love being a part of choir." Choir lets everyone sing their hearts out without judgment. Gabrielle McClain stated, "I love all of it. Singing, participating in ISSMA, going on field trips, having concerts, and fundraisers. Most of all I love the concert at the end of the year with the band and the orchestra."



1. Hallelujah Concert choir takes the stage as they sing their last number on the stage, the Hallelujah chorus written by Handel. As tradition the audience stood as they sang the famous chorus. Photo by M. Collins

2. Intermediate Choralliers juniors Jessica Vasquez, Payton Hale, Katlyn Eenigenburg, Maris Dodge, and Rhea Almira all prepare to sing their second number of the evening. "It is a really amazing feeling when you're up on stage with everyone else and you know you have your show set and ready." said sophomore Maris Dodge. Photo by M. Collins

3. Piano Man Mrs. Faletto works with junior Mason Chorzempa and sophomore Nicholas Skrobol work on their ensemble for an upcoming competition at the middle school. Photo by S. Mitchell





4. Bring the sound Beginning choir freshmen, Emily Kwiatkowski, Krista Raschke, Erica Papenfus, Zoe Norman, Emily Ptacek, Jolyse Mullins prepares to do their final song of the Christmas concert. Photo by M. Collins



5. Real men sing seniors Jerome Wyrobek, Nathan Guerrero and Austin Bushore sing for their last Christmas concert with each other. Photo by M. Collins

6. Let the music soar Senior Alyssa Serviss and sophomores Madison O'Dor and Nicholas Skrobul sing for jazz for the first time on the auditorium stage Photo by M. Collins

Overcoming Changes



1. Let's cook! Sophomore Karsen Boone preps her ingredients before cooking. Photo by: A. Valenzuela



2. Can It! Sophomore Seth Sheptock empties a can of pineapple while working on his quesadillas. Photo by: C. Martinez



3. Mix it Up Senior James Elliott mixes up some soup for later in the class period. Photo by: C. Martinez

4. Make that Dough! Junior Shawn Nowell drops cookie dough balls onto the piece of parchment sheet. Photo by: C. Martinez

Wisking it All

Ms. Kelly Bengé has been teaching Family and Consumer Science, or FACS, for a few years now, but recently she had to make a change. In November Bengé went on maternity leave and had to leave her culinary and nutrition and wellness classes with a substitute teacher, Ms. Smalley, until March.

When asked about how the adjustment effected her freshman Danielle Wells said "I don't think it changed very much but, I did miss her, she was a really good teacher. Also I liked her sense of humor but, her class did change a bit."

One of the main things that students had to adjust to was the differences between the two teachers. From the way they teach to the setup of their tests there were many differences. Students mentioned that Ms. Bengé has more experience and knows how things are run. Ms. Smalley was more laid back but still continued to teach hands on like Bengé. It was obvious that both teachers put their hearts into the job and cared for the students.

Even though students had to learn with a substitute for about five months they still learned the same things that was originally planned for them to learn. Nutrition and Wellness still got to make their Christmas cookies, and Culinary still got to make their food People who got to know both teachers will tell you that mistakes have been made and the process has been a little slower but you have to give both teachers credit because they have accomplished everything they needed to.





5. Batter up! Junior Britney Hoffman makes frosting for some freshly-baked cookies. Timing is essential when using the mixer; too little beating leaves the frosting lumpy, and too much beating leaves the frosting hard. Photo

by: A. Valenzuela 6. Sizzle Sophomore Christopher Enriquez sautés a quesadilla in a pan, being careful not to burn it. Photo by C.

Martinez 7. Keep the Heat Senior Joseph Mendoza preheats his oven for the delicious food he's about to bake. Photo by C. Martinez



8. Fiesta time! Sophomore Callee Richardson toasts a tortilla shell. Photo by: A. Valenzuela 9. Bacon O'clock Sophomore Marissa Immerfall yawns while frying bacon. Photo by: C. Martinez

"I enjoyed being able to cook for fun, because some things would work out and others wouldn't. It was a trial and error thing."

- Ana Valenzuela, 10

Record, Edit, Render, and Repeat

Channel Yourself

Record, edit, render, and repeat: a mantra anyone in broadcasting knows by heart. This can either lead to an easy day or a painful time crunch. What other group could churn out "What's happening" every week? So much time and effort went into each episode that they wrote, filmed, and edited.

"On Friday, we start pre-planning and assigning roles. We write our scripts over the weekend and we film and edit until Friday second hour when the whole episode is due," co-

producer Sara Dykstra said.

Like any good program, broadcasting works together as a team. Sections are all spread out, and everyone had their own part that they film.

"Sports is my favorite because there is a lot of enthusiasm from the students. There is charisma in the air when the camera is rolling. From the bloopers to the finished copy, sports is amazing!" said senior Shawn Stephenson. Some students join because they like it so much. "I enjoy it and it's just fun," said senior Stephen Anderson.



6. Edit Charles Fase, sophomore, is hard at work editing away at a computer to finish clips for the week. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen

7. Direct Mr. Martin gives senior Emily Poe a hard time. She laughed it off; she knew when to let loose and have some fun on the set. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen 8. Listen Senior Megan Groen checks the sound quality of the clips as she edits them. Sound quality is a vital part of a good production. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen



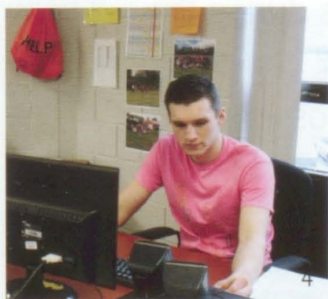


1. Show Time! Senior Hannah Sherwood stands patiently waiting for senior Autumn Fagenbaum to cue her in for her segment of What's Happening. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen

2. Calm and Collected Juniors Hunter Baggerly and Jordan Stanley discuss how they should edit the Sports discussion. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen



5. Render Autumn Fagenbaum works in the Radio and TV broadcasting room to get some quiet time to make sure her part of the episode looks good so it can be pieced together. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen



4. Check and Recheck Senior James Wunderlich sits watching his What's Happening clips over again to recheck that they are perfect. Photo by: K. Kohlhagen

1. **Posing** Taylor Anderson, junior, makes a cute face for the camera, while Julianna Phelps smiles. Photo by: E. Evans

2. **Winner's Pride** Sophomore Harison Tillema poses for the camera after winning an award at the SJC Regional Science Olympiad Tournament. Photo by: C. Heuft 3. **Don't Step on It!** Junior Alexander Wolf pretends to contemplate stepping on a tulip. Photo by: E. Evans



"My favorite part about Science Olympiad is competing against all the different schools during the regional competition at St. Josephs College." -Natalie Wagner, 11



Science in Action



4. Prepare to Launch Sophomore Nick Raymond prepares to test his project for the judge. Photo by: C. Heuft 5. Judge This Senior Autumn Fagenbaum and junior Natalie Wagner prepare for the judge. Photo by: C. Heuft



6. Raking Senior Amber James prepares the soil for some new flowers. Photo by: E. Evans 7. Taking a Break Freshman Rena Cardaras and senior Haylie Biedron pose in front with their teammates. They celebrated the end of a successful day at competition. Photo by: C. Heuft 8. A Little Love Alexander Wolf, junior, applies some tender loving care to a needy plant in the courtyard. Photo by: E. Evans 9. Goofing Around Senior Brittany Ernst and junior Taylor Anderson pause from their work to enjoy a laugh. Photo by: E. Evans

Hitting It into the Future!

Girl's Tennis & Girl's Golf Work Hard

Going into the 2016 season, the girls start off with some tough competitions and hardworking practices. Every single one of these girls has worked hard to get to where they are. Most of these girls will pursue tennis and golf in the future when they go to college, while others will pursue it only as a hobby. Pursuing this in college could lead to some incredible opportunities for these girls. "I love playing tennis in high school, and if there is a spot open in college, it's mine!" said junior Christina Birky about the passion she feels for her sport.



1. Boom! Junior Katherine Miles is in the air, as she hits the ball back to the opposing court. Photo by: S. Mitchell



2. Hitting it Home! As sophomore Hannah Wiesemann hits the ball, she has high hopes of winning the tournament. Photo by: R. Herma **3. Focused** Sophomore Hannah Herma focuses on using the right technique to get the ball where she wants it. Photo by: NWI Times



4. Focused Senior Megan Groen returns the ball with precision. Photo by: S. Mitchell **5. Practice makes Perfect** Junior Christina Birky practices before a tournament. Photo by: S. Mitchell **6. Heads up!** Junior Britney Hoffman winds up to whack the tennis ball hard with her right arm. Photo by: S. Mitchell



7. Swing High, Swing Low! Sophomore Hannah Herma swings, with high hopes of hitting the ball onto the green and end up with the lowest score. Photo by: R. Herma

Why Music? Why Concert Band?

The Question is... Why Not?

Concert Band is a place for everyone. Traditionally, some people believe that music is a place for talented people only. This concept is false: anyone can learn music. While it is true that some are more talented than others, which is also true with sports, those that work the hardest will always beat those that are just relying on their talent to carry them through. "To quote a very famous leader, Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser, music is NOT just for the "CHOSEN FEW," but music is for all those who want to pursue an exciting pathway of learning and truthfully shouldn't that be everyone?" asked Mr. Boersma. Clearly, students agree: since Mr. Boersma took over in 2007, student enrollment has swelled from 61 students to 175 students.

Our Concert Bands here are divided into two groups; the Wind Ensemble is under the direction of Mr. Boersma, and the Symphonic Band is under the direction of Mr. Dinkins. Both groups rehearse tirelessly to perform concerts seven times per year. During the fall, marching band music is rehearsed in class, and during the winter, holiday concert music is rehearsed in class. Students also utilize class time to rehearse for Basketball Band.

April was a particularly busy month. Both concert bands received Gold ratings for their performances at the ISSMA Organizational, and Wind Ensemble also earned a Gold rating in sight reading. May brings the End of the Year Concert, and preparation for their Graduation performance in June. Sophomore Robert Peschke adds, "I feel a strong sense of pride performing as much as we do. When other students see different members of the Band in the hallway and congratulate us on... [the] pride we bring, it shows me that this school isn't full of people that only care about sports."



1. Showing His Fun Side

Sophomore Evan Uhrhammer performs on the timpani while rehearsing for the next concert. Photo by: E. Allen

2. In Style

During the Spring Concert, freshman Carl Carlson and sophomore Kiernan McCarty watch Mr. Dinkins as he conducts their piece of music. Photo by: M. Collins

3. Candid!

Preparing for the day's rehearsal, freshman Alyssa Kaluf finishes putting her clarinet together while sophomore Taylor Hawrot takes a break from warming up to crack a smile. Photo by: E. Allen



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4. Practice, Practice, Practice Members of the Wind Ensemble warm up at the beginning of class to get a few minutes of practice in.

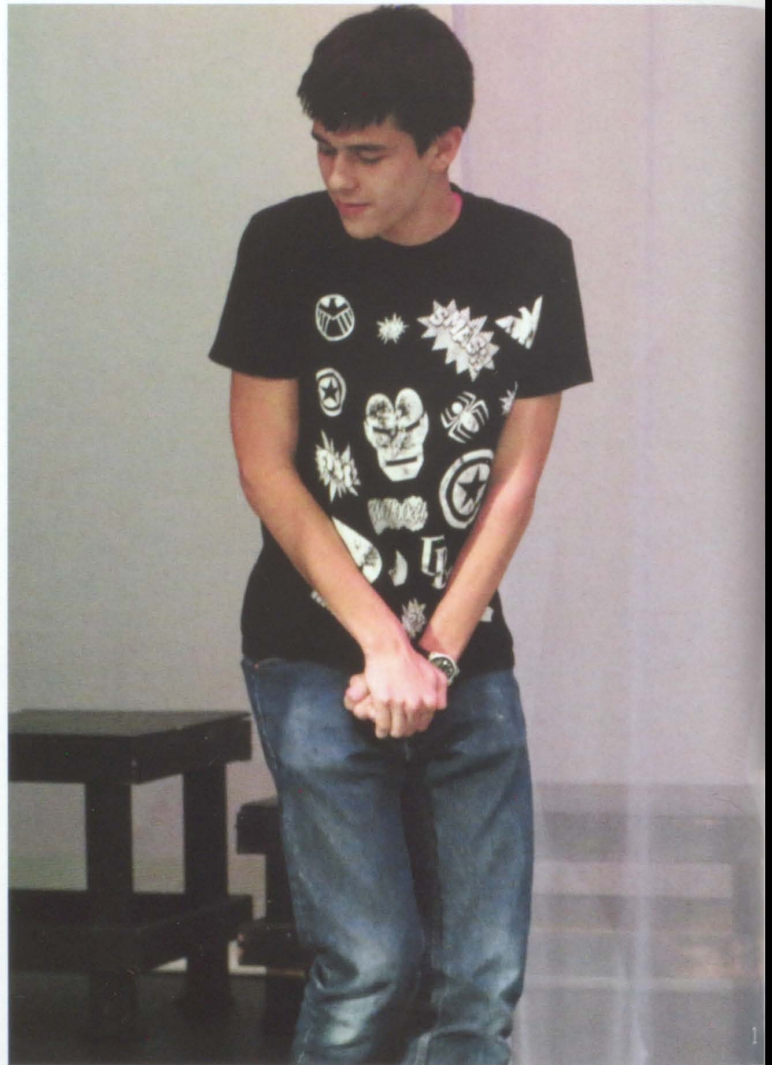
Photo by: E. Allen **5. On Stage** Symphonic Band on stage awaits Mr. Dinkins to ascend to the podium. Photo by: M. Collins **6. Timing it** Right Junior Bryce Niewoehner gets ready on the vibraphone. Bryce was a soloist this year in the Wind Ensemble on their piece "Korean Folk Song Suite." Photo by: E. Allen **7. Feeling**

Proud Mr. Boersma gives instruction inbetween songs. He was commenting about how far the students had progressed as performers this year. He felt very proud of them. Photo by: E. Allen

8. Perfection Kyle Mikels goes over some last-minute trumpet licks in his music. Photo by: E. Allen

1. Can't Hold It Senior Alex Villalpando acts as a weather man in a game called "Newscasters." Alex's character had to have an interesting quirk. The quirk chosen for Alex's character was that he desperately needed to use the restroom. Photo by: M. Dodge 2. Yes Let's During game called "Yes Let's" captains yell out an action and all the players must yell "Yes Let's!" and proceed to do the action. The team members were told to wave their arms around in the air. Photo by: E. Allen 3. Merry

Christmas Sophomore Bridget Hoffman and junior Haley Carter act as a news anchor and Santa Claus. Their scene had to be a newscast worked around a few quirks. Bridget had to be Santa Claus but also a news anchor which made the scene challenging. Photo by: M. Dodge



"Improv doesn't have a lot of structure. You have the games and rules, but past that you're free to do as you please. you aren't bound to a script." - Nicholas Skrobul, 10



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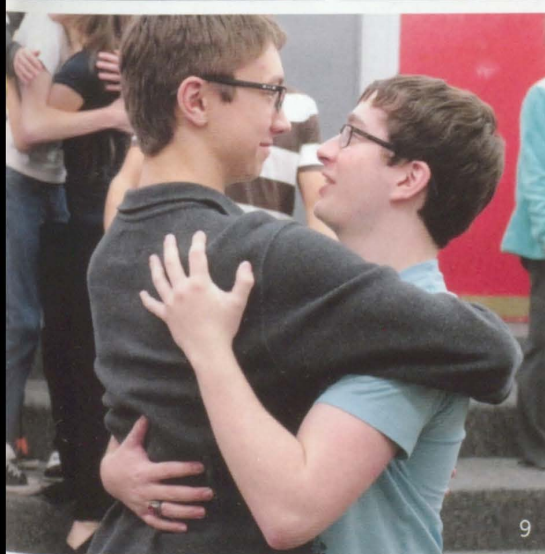
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4. Boom! During the game countdown, sophomore Nicholas Skrobul and freshman Michael Smiejek imitate a bomb explosion. The game countdown consists of doing a scene and then cutting the time given to do the scene in half each time it's done. Photo by: M. Dodge



5. Do These Pants... Sophomore Travis Gawronski portrays a very conceited weatherman. Travis' character tended to get distracted from the task at hand whenever he looked at himself. Photo by: M. Dodge



6. Team Huddle During a game called "Yes Let's" the improvisers were instructed to group hug Sarah, one of the team captains. The Whole room shouted "Yes Let's" and then they all went in for it. Photo by: E. Allen

7. This Just In! Freshman Terri Roach and junior Kelsey Shelhart play as a regular News Anchor and an anchor that can't speak English. Terri ends the scene with breaking news about peanut butter and jelly. Photo by: M. Dodge

8. Getting Started Senior Sarah Schaetzel explains the warm ups to the new comers. Sarah is a captain for her team called "the Mimes." Photo by: E. Allen

9. Love is in the Air Sophomore Nicholas Skrobul and Junior Quinn Crim look each other in the eyes and say "I love you." They had to do this during the game called "Yes Lets." Photo by: E. Allen

"Improv lets me be myself. It's a judge-free zone, and everyone is just so accepting of you. It has also influenced my major, which is Theatre Education."

- Sarah Schaetzel, 12

1. It's All in the Hands While concentrating on her technique, junior Julianna Phelps gets ready to glide the ball down the alley. Photo by: M. Collins

2. Strike! Junior Donald Arnold finishes his approach and watches his ball at a regular match in Lowell. Photo by: M. Collins



5. Together We Stand Bowling team members gather together for a team picture. Photo by A. Adams



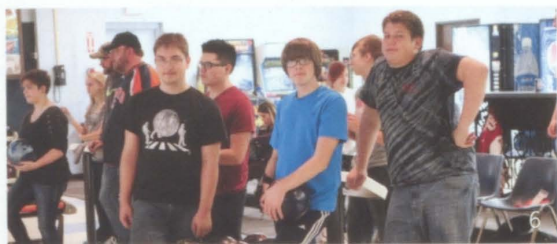
3. Time to Shine Junior Donald Arnold uses good technique, in order to score as many points as possible for his team. Photo by: M. Collins

4. Preparing to Win Sophomore Charles Fase preps himself for a strike. Photo by: M. Collins



6. Take a Picture, It'll last longer

While waiting for their team mates to bowl, waiting bowling team members strike a pose for the photographer. Photo by: M. Collins



8. No Time to Waste Grabbing onto his bowling ball with lightning reflexes, sophomore Joshua Anderson doesn't stop for a second to think and goes on to throw the ball. Photo by: M. Collins

9. Ready to Bowl Junior Tristan Garza waits his turn to strike on as many turns as possible. Photo by M. Collins.

Strike a Pose

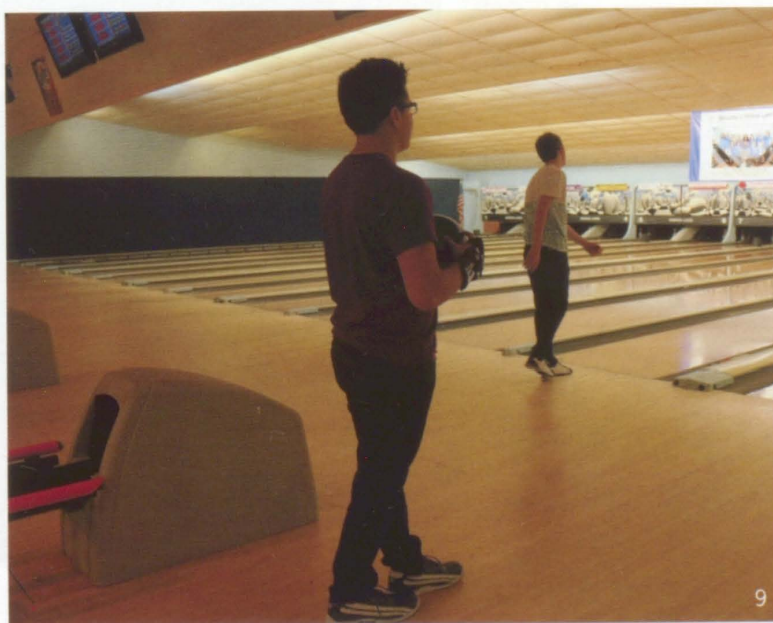
Roll Out

The Kankakee Valley Boy's and Girl's bowling teams are fairly new, but that doesn't make them any less of a threat. The girl's team had to rely on all new coaches. They came in second in their conference but took the trophy home for sectionals: winning by a mere two pins and advancing to regionals. Kendall Winnick, sophomore, placed first in individual sectionals for the girls. "During the final rounds of sectionals everyone has their eyes on just you and the other girl with you. I felt very pressured, but I stayed calm and focused the whole time," said Winnick.

The boys were the runner-ups at sectionals, also advancing to regionals. Tristan Garza, junior, won Individual Sectionals for the boys. Kendall Winnick, sophomore, Mikayla Collins, sophomore, Donald

Arnold, junior, and Tristan Garza, junior all advanced to regionals as individuals. Sadly, regionals was the end of the road for both teams and all individuals, except for Tristan Garza who advanced on to Semi-State. "I didn't think I was going to make it as far as I did. Making it that far in bowling made me feel accomplished and proud of what I had achieved," said Garza.

Freshmen and Sophomores were able to participate in one more tournament called Futures Tournament, which is only for underclassmen. "Coming in as the only freshman, I felt like an outsider, but then I felt welcomed when we all started to talk. This season has been the most fun I've had in bowling, and I can't wait till next year!" said Raegan Johnson, freshman.



1. Aim Well Senior Kreed Gentz plays dodgeball with his APC class, trying to get as many people out as possible. "I found the class to be fairly easy and super fun. There is never a dull moment in APC." Photo by: M. Collins 2. GOAL!! Freshmen make their way around, chasing the puck on the floor. Trying to get it into the opposite goal. Photo by: S. Mitchell 3. Eyes on the Prize Sophomore Abbey Ayres takes aim at the target. Photo by S. Mitchell



Right on Target

Archery Replaces Swimming

Put away the swimsuits and grab a bow. Archery has replaced swimming. Due to the five thousand dollar grant that the school received, students were able to learn how to shoot a bow.

Students were excited about the new program. Sophomore Abbey Ayres said, "Archery is probably my favorite thing we've done in P.E so far. It requires a lot of focus and practice." This warm response was typical of most freshman. As long as students continue to exercise good safety choices, archery will likely be around for a long time.

"I like playing sports with my friends and also running outside."
- Mikala Meeks, 9



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4. Jump on it Freshman Mikala Meeks gets warmed up by jumping rope, she listened to instructions attentively to Mr. Roberts.

Photo by: M. Collins **5. Kick it!** Freshman Gabrielle Jenczalik gets her knees against her elbows in a kick-up position for tumbling. "My favorite thing in tumbling is the partner activities where you get to interact with other students." Photo by: S. Mitchell

6. Swing away Freshman Jarod Aldrich brings the hockey stick toward the puck to send it flying toward the goal. Photo by: S. Mitchell



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7. Rise up Freshman Garrett Brewster aims his bow the targets. He leads his group ready to fire at the awaiting targets. Photo by: M. Collins **8. Aim and fire** Freshman Catherine Cavinder looks intently at her target as she gets ready to fire her last arrow. "Archery works on your concentration and hand eye coordination. It's a sport anyone can do." Photo by: S. Mitchell



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One Person Can Make a Difference

SADD Takes a Stand

For many years SADD, an organization whose aim is to prevent students from making destructive decisions, has hosted an assembly which features a fake car crash; this demonstration helps juniors and seniors understand the dangers of drunk driving, distracted driving, and unplanned pregnancies. Every time SADD hosts it, they try to make it as realistic as possible. They even bring the local fire department and police officers in to demonstrate a scenario that could happen in the real world.

This year, however, SADD decided to host an assembly that focused on the dangers of prom and drunk driving. They decided to bring police officers in to tell real life experiences and accidents that happened to them because they decided to make bad decisions and partake in things that they later regretted.

SADD also hosts several blood drives with the American Red Cross to help people that are in need. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. SADD has done these blood drives for many years and encourages all the students and staff to partake in this to help people in need. Just one person who donates blood can save a person's life. When asked why people should donate blood to help others Mrs. Kwiatkowski, the adviser of SADD replied, "It's free! It helps others in the most essential way. It also makes you feel good to give and help others out! First time donors become lifetime donors."

So if students are looking for a club to join, and they enjoy helping people, join SADD. "What I love most [about] SADD is the positive message that the club teaches students," said Junior Spencer Carey.

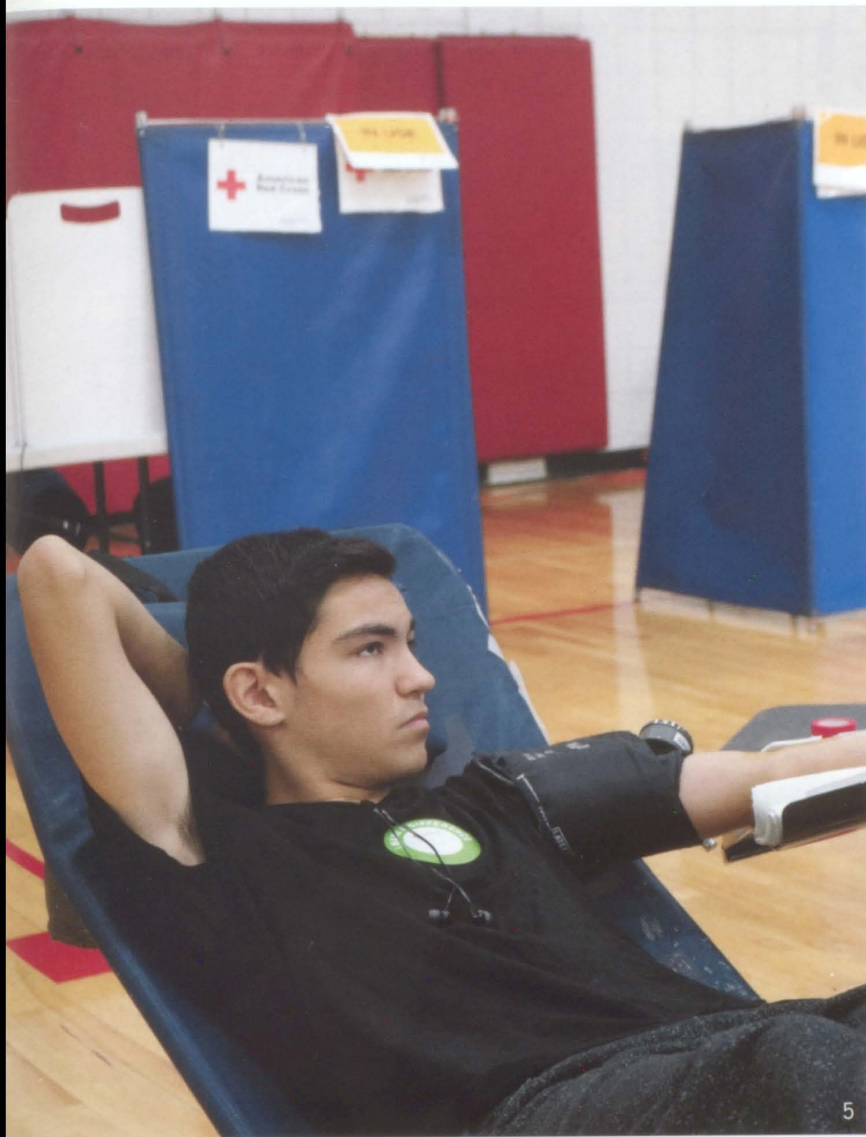


1. Talking Safety First A police officer talks to the seniors and juniors about all the dangerous things that can happen during prom night, in order to keep them safe. Photo by: M.Collins 2. Listening Attentively Teachers listen carefully to the different stories police officers are saying about the dangerous things that can happen if you don't make wise decisions on the day of prom Photo by: M.Collins



3. Helping Save Lives Destany Slinker, junior, decides to donate her blood to save others. Her good deed took a lot of courage to do and influenced others. Photo by: E. Evans 4. Assembly Preparation SADD members and the county police officers set up an assembly to demonstrate the dangers of prom to the junior and senior class. Photo by: M.Collins





5. Making a Difference Junior Aaron Klawitter prepares to donate blood, to help people in need. Photo by: E. Evans

6. Be a Donor Freshman Veronica Buckmaster helps out with the blood drive. She had a couple of her friends help her. Veronica says, "I felt like I was helping someone. It was really easy." Photo by: E. Evans

7. Listen Up Juniors and seniors listen closely to the presentations. Photo by: M. Collins



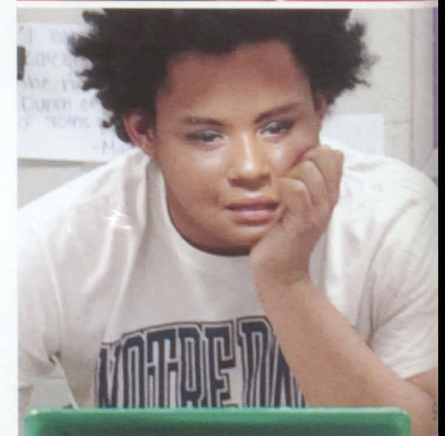
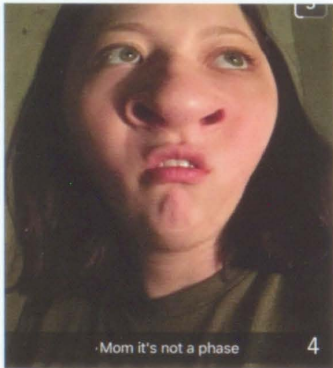
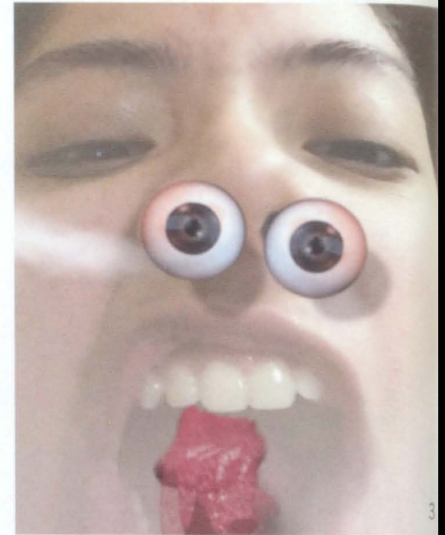
8. Stop and Think Speakers challenged students to stop and think through their decisions; one wrong choice can have devastating consequences. Photo by: M. Collins

9. Don't Worry Keegan Jones, junior, puts on a brave face before donating blood. Jones enjoyed feeling that he had made a positive difference in his community. Photo by: E. Evans

"My favorite part of SADD was making people get involved with the activities we held. It's really eye-opening being a senior because my time for helping people is coming to an end."

- Hailey Ford, 12

Filter This!



1. **Glamour Shot** Sophomore Sidney Rosiak uses a filter during class.

2. **How Do My Teeth Look?** Using the angel emoji sophomore

Mikayla Collins wanted to see what it looked like with teeth. 4.

Allergies? When asked why she chose to use this filter sophomore Lexi

Smith said "I like to eat pineapples." 5. **A New Look** Sophomores

Noah Witkowski and Mckenzie Cecil apply a filter to create a whole new

look. 7. **Argh!!** Mrs. Deulley and sophomore Sidney Rosiak experience

life with different faces. 8. **My Feelings** Senior Gavin Coppage uses a filter to express all of the endless positivity he feels.

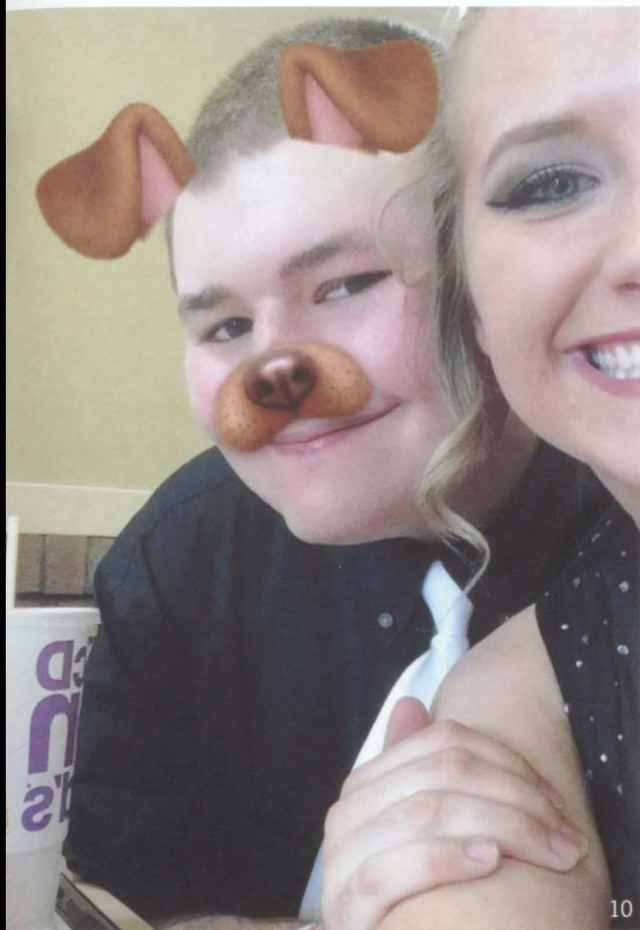
3. **Creative Shot** Trying to make the filter use her nose

as eyes senior Cynthia Martinez poses during class. 6. **It's**

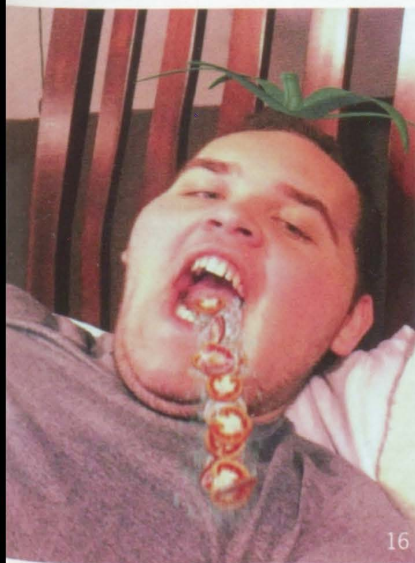
Colonel Time Kaylynn Ritz experiments with face swap

and a KFC drink. 9. **Picture Time** Sophomore Bryn

Phegley's picture is secretly taken and a filter is added, as she works on some homework.



10. **Puppy Eyes** Senior Schuyler Walters and sophomore Alyssa Evolga take a picture with a filter during special needs prom. 11. **Are We The Same Shade?** "We face swapped to see if our skin was the same color," said senior Cynthia Martinez, posing here with freshman Ashur Adams.



12. **Silly Rabbit** Senior Cynthia Martinez uses the bunny filter because it makes a cute face. 13. **The Look** Senior Gavin Coppage and junior Elizabeth Evans face swap to see what it would look like if they looked opposite directions. 14. **How I Would Look if I was Born A...** Juniors Garret Morrison and Aries Morales face swap during class. Photo by: A. Morales 15. **Flamenco Eyes** Senior Jacob Tillger applies a filter to a selfie. Photo by: J. Tillger 16. **Breathing Fire** Sophomore Stone Zadrozny uses a filter to make it look like he's breathing fire. 17. **Switched at Birth** When asked why she face swapped with junior Katelyn Eger, junior Elizabeth Evans said, "Because Katelyn said come here and face swap with me."



The Final Chapter. Graduation day is the last day to be with your class again as high school students. It can be a very emotional day, full of goodbyes and relief to finally be done. After asking Gavin Coppage how he felt to be graduating, he said: "Even though I resented the idea of waiting for two hours to be officially graduated, it hit me like a truck when I realized I will never see all of my friends like again. My only regret is not making more regrettable moments." Photo by: E. Evans



1. **Last Song** Ashley Sanders, Katelynd Kessinger, and Haylie Wheeler sit together to play one last song with the Band. Photo by: E. Evans

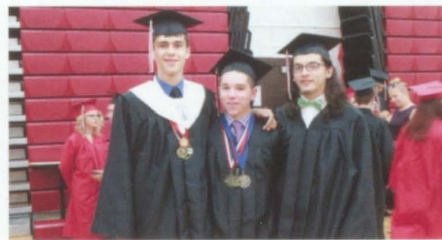
2. **Shaking Hands** Oscar Gutierrez Medel shakes hands with Board President, John Jungles before receiving his diploma from Superintendent Mr. Aaron Case. Photo by: E. Evans



Graduation

Next Step: Your Choice

Since the first day of high school, the Class of 2016 was ready to graduate. Now that the moment is here, they're ready more than ever. Hearing speeches from the Salutatorian, Valedictorian, and Class President, it made the seniors think of their future and to remember where they came from. Just like class president Hunter Ahrendt said in his speech, "High school years may have been the best or worst years of your life, but all the moments inbetween are what brought you here." Congratulations to the class of 2016, and may life take you down the right path.



One Last Picture Alex Villalpando, Joshua Weaver, and Jerome Wyrobek pose together one last time before graduating. Photo by: R. Deulley



Goodbye Speech Megan Groen gives her speech as Salutatorian to her graduating class of 2016. Photo Bb: R. Deulley



3. Our Final Words Valedictorian, Casey Hennings, gives her speech as class Valedictorian. Photo by: E. Evans

4. Finally Done Rayann Pavichevich shakes hands with Superintendent, Mr. Aaron Case, accepting her diploma. Photo by: E. Evans

5. Walking Into Our Future Graduates Faith Bobis, Hunter Ahrendt, Abby Tinkel walk down the aisle together. Photo by: R. Deulley

6. Final Thoughts Kaleigh Walden looks around the crowd of classmates, taking in her last moments of a high school student. Photo Bb: E. Evans



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March On Marching band members march during senior night. Photo by: J. McLean



Hunter Ahrendt

Hunter Ahrendt has been very involved in high school. Hunter was in student council, soccer, golf, cheerleader lifting, football, band, marching band, table tennis, and robotics. He served in Student Council, and he was class president for the senior class. Hunter said, "I felt very proud being in charge, and my favorite part is helping out classmates."

Even though Hunter had a busy schedule, he enjoyed everything that he was involved in and all of the open opportunities that came with them. Hunter will miss constant laughing and joking with all of his friends and all of the teachers that impacted his life.

Being a male cheerleader lifter is something that Hunter will miss, too. "I always had a lot of fun and loved the privilege to show off with the other guys." Band has been a big part of Hunter's life. He played the bassoon for Concert Band and tenor drum for Marching Band. After high school, Hunter wants to become a surgeon and then a millionaire. Hunter's advice to others is, "Don't be afraid of trying new things or being uncomfortable because you do not want to regret not trying."



Smile big! Hunter Ahrendt is full of smiles because he is going to be graduating soon. He proudly shows off his letterman jacket, while leaning on a classic Chevy truck. Photo by: Stephen Martin Photography



Austin Abbring

"It's been real. It's been fun. It's been real fun."



Emma Abbring

"Expert farmer is outstanding in her field."



Logan Abbring

"I told you that your dad was hot in high school." -Logan Abbring



Anthony Aguillon

"Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value." -Albert Einstein



Hunter Ahrendt

"All I know is the mitochondria is the powerhouse and SohCahToa." 🧐



Haley Ammon

"Never forget who you are." -The Lion King



Alexandria Anderson

"You can retake a class, you can't relive a party."



Jack Anderson

"I see you got the snakes and sparkles, but where's the good stuff, man?"



Samuel Anderson

(See Cameron Fritts) "But the same man can be lost in the sauce."



Stephen Anderson

"We are KV."



Nicholas Arnold

"Aim for the bushes."



Haley Ayres

"Life - it is what it is; Make the best of everyday."



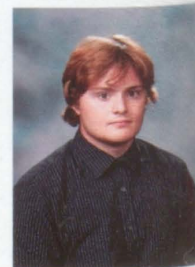
Brikayla Babe

"Someone who strong when it's rough, someone who won't give up." -Kevin Gates



Taylor Bacewic

"May the bridges I burn light the way."



Russel Baize

"Great men are forged in fire, but a lesser man lights the flame."



Evan Balboa

"Cynthia Martinez wrote this for me." -Evan Balboa



Emilie Bassett

"We are KV."



Brian Bello Vargas

"There is always light at the end of a tunnel." -El Chapo



Max Berndt

"We are KV."



Joshua Bliss

"We are KV."



Peyton Bobby

"We're dead! We survived, but we're DEAD!" -Dash



Jason Bobo

"We are KV."



Paul Bogdan

"Don't let your dreams be memes."
-Zach Scuderi



Victoria Boyer

"It was lit."



Krystal Brei

"It's fine. It's fiiiine.
EVERYTHING IS FINE!"



Alexandra Brizek

"There is no plan.
Everything's a mess.
AHHH"



Kyle Brown

"The only easy day was
yesterday."



Daniel Brownfield

"We are KV."



Hannahmae Buckmaster

"I don't want perfect, I want
honest."



Cameron Budreau

"We are KV."



Quinnton Bulthuis

"We are KV."



Brian Burk

"Dude, chill."



Austin Bushore

"We are KV."



Sydney Capouch

"Nothing stresses me out, except
having to seek the approval of my
inferiors." -Dwight Schrute



Brandon Cochran

"We are KV."



Natalie Coldiron

"They don't call me potato for
nothing."



Austin Collmar

"We are KV."



Brian Cooper

"This is my senior quote."



Gavin Coppage

"Sometimes am I king. Then
treasons make me wish myself
a beggar." -King Richard II



Haley Cox

"I came. I saw. I made it
awkward."



Jesse Craft

"Learn from my mistakes,
because at least one of us
should." -Red Green



Alton Curry

"I have beautiful hands."
-Donald Trump



Michael Curtis

"Great, now I have to do the
whole dang thing over again."
-Dan Roberts



Eric Davis

"I have a great relationship with
the Mexican people."
-Donald Trump



Nicholas Deering

"I can't wait to go to collage."



Victoria DeKock

"Anyone else feel like a
rainbow?" -That 70's Show



Celina DeVries

"We are KV."



Brandon Drenth

"We gon' be alright."
-Kendrick Lamar



Nicole Drinski

"We are KV."



Jacob Drwal

"We are KV."



Gabrielle Dumont

"I never liked it here anyway."



Kathryn Dunham

"We are KV."



Rhyker Earl

"We are KV."



Sean Eenigenburg

"We are KV."



Alyssa Eger

"I spent 113,880 hours of my
life to get a paper and a
handshake."



James Elliott

"Hey man, are my eyes okay."
-Kyle Rae



Paige Epley

"No mom, I won't marry a guy
with the last name Turner."



Brittany Ernst

"Look at me now." -Da brat



Autumn Fagenbaum

"Some of us were just born
different." -Valka



Brett Fase

"I am 6'7 and yes, I realize that
I am tall."



Ivy Fase

"I forgot it was picture day...
twice."



Kiley Ferris

"Smile, babe. Just smile..."
-Ferris Bueller



Kevin Fisher

"I am in love with mothers."



Kelsey Fleming

"We are KV."



Hailey Ford

"The classes weren't lit, but I
was."



Nina Freund

"I laugh at my own jokes, so you don't have to."



Cameron Fritts

"If a man does not have the sauce, then he is last." (See Sam Anderson.)



Cal Furgye

"We are KV."



Felicia Galusha

"Bye, Felicia."



Patrick Garcia

"I know words, I have the best words." -Donald Trump



Ana Garcia Rodriguez

"I did all things through Christ who gave me strength."



Kreed Gentz

"Semper Fi till I die."



Jeremy Gergely

"Life is a garden, dig it." -Joe Dirt



Dakota Gibbons

"Bro....chill." -Gibbons



Tyler Gideon

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. -Mark 11:22



Ashley Gidley

"I'm 100% certain that I'm 0% sure what I'm going to do."



Beatris Gomez

"#positividad"



Nikolas Gonzalez

"We are KV."



Erin Gouwens

"I'm the original, and she's the copy"→



Leah Gouwens

"I've been second my whole life."

Cody Gronkiewicz

"KV has been such a great place, and its teachers and students have given me the start I need to be successful in life.

In my high school career. I've been involved in football, art club, wrestling, diving, engineering courses, and the poetry society." Drawing, however, has always been really important to me.

"At first, I just drew for fun, but when i started getting recognition for it, I pushed myself to learn many different types of art. I started competing in competitions with great success. Over time, I began to evolve my own style that was mostly inspired by the more spiritual wonders of reality. With my artistic abilities, I hope to be a striving artist alongside a career in anthropology.

My plans after school include going to Indiana University to pursue an education in anthropology and digital arts.

I'll miss being able to be with my high school friends on a daily basis. So, thank you to everyone for everything."

When asked what advice he would give to people, Cody said, "If you want to do something, then do it. You are the only one getting in the way of what you want to do."

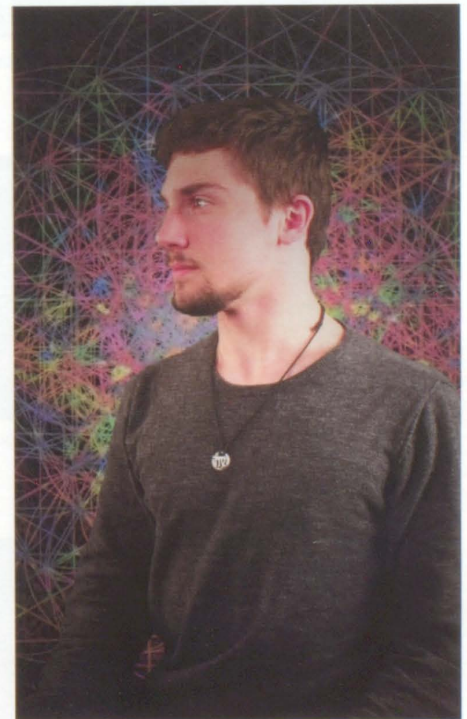


Photo ready! Cody Gronkiewicz poses for an artistic picture. Photo by: S. Anderson

Casey Hennings

Senior Casey Hennings has dedicated her high school career to not only doing her best in all her classes, but to learning French. "I have always been extremely interested in foreign languages, particularly French because my Mom would teach me simple phrases when I was little. I distinctly remember asking her to show me how to count to ten in French in elementary school!"

"As I have grown older, I have realized that language is such a wonderful window into different cultures and that it is very difficult to truly understand a nations customs and history without also having a substantial knowledge of their languages. My summer in France was absolutely phenomenal. For seven weeks I was essentially a French demoiselle; I spoke only French and lived with a famille d'accueil (host family) in Saumur, France, going about my daily life exactly as they did. I often remarked to my professors about how liberating it felt, above all, to be free from the ties of modern communication and to be living independently while forming relationships with my new family that will last a lifetime. In all, spending those seven weeks in France alone was a risk I am so grateful I took, and an experience I know I will never forget!" raved Casey Hennings.



It's Not Antiquated Casey Hennings poses at an antique desk, creatively expressing her dedication to learning. Photo by: Kelsey Tillema Photography



Devin Gray
"We are KV."



Kayla Groen
"Have courage, and be kind."
-Cinderella



Megan Groen
"A turtle on a fencepost didn't get there by itself."



Cody Gronkiewicz
"I think, therefore I am."
-René Descartes



Nathan Guerrero
"Just got done serving my 4 year sentence."



Oscar Gutierrez Medel
"The pain you feel today, will be the strength you feel tomorrow."



Taylor Hachlica
"Say it with me now: Hach-lic-a."



Brady Hall
"We are KV."



Andrew Hamstra
"Need eye drops, Bro?"



Emily Hamstra
"Me last night: I'm gonna dress cute tomorrow
Me this morning:....."



Samuel Hamstra
"Bye." -Zazy



Alexander Hanewich
"We are KV."



Tiffany Hansel
"Being brave means knowing that when you fail, you don't fail forever."



Klara Hausenfleck
""Whispers" Was it obvious I don't care."



Drew Havens
"People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing all the time."



Kyle Hawrot

"Today's footprint is tomorrow's legacy."



Ryan Henk

"You smell better when you're awake."



Casey Hennings

"Though she be but little, she is fierce."



Chad Hill

"Alllllrighty then." -Jim Carrey



Allison Hofferth

"No mom, I won't marry a guy with the last name Turner."



Alyssa Hoffman

"Is this the Krusty Krab?"
-Bikini Bottom Dweller



Brandon Hoffman

"No, this is Patrick."
-The Patrick Star



Faith Hoffman

"She laughs without fear of the future."



Krystal Hoover

"Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."



Blazedol Howard

"We are KV."



Kelsie Howe

"To accomplish great things, we must only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also must believe."



Abby Jackson

"No mom, I won't marry a guy with the last name Turner."



Angela Jakubowicz

"We are KV."



Amber James

"This wasn't anything like High School Musical."



Matthew Jenkins

"We are KV."



Vanessa Jerzyk

"Oh these were due today?"



Alexis Johnson

"We are KV."



Julia Johnson

"Rudeness is the weak person's imitation of strength."



Noah Johnson

"It's not who I can underneath, but what I do that defines me."
-Batman



Kelvin Jones

"We are KV."



Jenna Jungels

"Y'all got any more of that track?"



Brianna Keister

"I'd rather be hated for who I am, than loved for who I'm not." -Kurt Cobain



Haylee Kenning

"If you don't think then you shouldn't talk."



Sarah Kerkes

"Pasta is like Mean Girls. The limit doesn't exist."



Katelynd Kessinger

"When words fail, music speaks." -Hans Anderson



Tyler Kinney
 "I'm be fresh asl if them feds watchin'." -2 chainz



Hannah Kuhn
 "Be the change you want to see in the world." -Gandhi



Autumn LaCrosse
 "I did this last minute just like everything else." -Me



Gregory Larzelere
 "Try not to become a man of success, rather a man of value." -Albert Einstein



Timothy Lawson
 "We are KV"



Breanne Lessner
 "Keep moving froward."



Khristine Mak
 "My mom and I talk crap about you."



Cynthia Martinez
 "If I got shot I'd probably bleed salsa."



Jonathan Maynard
 "We are KV"



Brooke Meadows
 "She who leaves a trail of glitter is never forgotten."



Gage Meeks
 "Every1 has wings, but you decide when to take off."



Jazmyne Mehay
 "To quote Hamlet act 3; scene 3, line 87 'No'."



Joseph Mendoza
 "We are KV"



Dalton Milbourn
 "We are KV"



Samantha Mitchell
 "To live would be an awfully big adventure." -Peter Pan



Cody Moore
 "Failure is the key to success."



Hunter Moore
 "We are KV"



Kaitlyn Moore
 "We are KV"



Austin Morrison
 "If you ain't got a redneck get you one cuz its not great it's noice!"



Kaila Moskalick
 "It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness." -Eleanor Roosevelt



Kathleen Murphy
 "We are KV"



Kaylie Musall
 "We are KV"



Mason Myers
 "We are KV"



Tyler Nush
 "We are KV"



Cheyann Odle
 "When nothing goes right... go left."



Kayla Page

"Shake it like jello make the boys say hello"



Sean Parchem

"We are KV"



Cherise Parker

"I love those red heads, man."



Merisa Patino

"The best is yet to come..."



Rayann Pavichevich

"eat spaghetti to forgetti"



Araceli Perez Rodriguez

"I just look illegal"



Kayla Petruska

"This is the part where you find out who you are."



Crystal Podegracz

"You know what really grinds my gears? Having no food."



Emily Poe

"Yes, I'm Emily Poe from EmilyPoeFilms."



Hunter Popp

"We are KV"



Kyla Porter

"Love the life you live, live the life you love." -Bob Marley



Jordan Powell

"We are KV"



Allison Pumnea

"We're all mad here."



Kyle Rae

"HaHa yeah bro you're good."
-Jimmy Elliot



Ariauna Revercomb

"Jonah has perfect hair."
-Jonah Wilson 2k16

Emily Poe

Emily Poe is very involved in high school. She is cheer team captain and a part of BPA Club. Emily had the honor of participating at Nationals in Boston for BPA. She is the head producer of Radio and TV Broadcasting class. One of her greatest accomplishments was winning 2nd place at BPA's state competition for creating an amazing video with her team.

One of Emily's favorite memories was being able to become a cheer captain her senior year. She loved helping out her team to success and helping them through anything. She wants cheer to be an awesome experience for everyone.

Emily has a huge interest and passion for Broadcasting and filming. She will miss the radio and TV Broadcasting class, students, and teacher. She would like to continue her dream by attending Ball State University for Telecommunications, then after that she plans on pursuing her goal in the fluorescent green lights and cameras. Or perhaps even become a director or producer.

Emily encourages people to not wait to pursue their dreams and to not worry if you fit in or not or what someone tweeted on twitter. Emily concludes, "I am following my dreams with every intention of them coming true; You should follow your dreams, too."



Smile! Senior Emily Poe poses for Abby Jackson, senior KV photographer. Emily had fun getting her pictures taken for her senior photo shoot. Photo by: A. Jackson

Alyssa Serviss

"I have had a fervor for music and the arts since I was a small child, and my mom says that I have been singing since before I could talk. It has always been something I loved doing, and I learned from an early age that it was something I had a knack for."

After asking Alyssa how tryouts for The Voice went, she said: "It was definitely a great experience. Out of the nearly 20,000 that were there in Chicago alone, I was astounded by the talent that surrounded me. It was so rad to be in a room with people that shared a common interest."

Even though Alyssa didn't make it on the show, her adventures are nowhere near over. "I decided to start my own band because I wanted to get a group of people together that had a common interest: a love for music. When you write/ play with people you connect on a deeper level. I intend on playing gigs and putting myself out there until I make it. If pursuing my dream means that I will be struggling for a while, financially or otherwise, then that's okay. At least one thing will be certain; I will be happy."



Sittin' Pretty Alyssa Serviss poses for photographer Elizabeth Evans at the end of class. Photo by: E. Evans



Cole Ribicki
"We are KV"



Ezekeil Riffe
"We are KV"



Mariah Robinson
"We are KV"



Juliana Rodriguez
"We are KV"



Rebecca Ruth
"I don't know" -Jonah Wilson
2k16



Tuesday Sabol
"I did it the best I could while I was stuck here."



Shianna Salyers
"We are KV"



Ashley Sanders
"Today's trouble is enough for today." -Matthew 6:34



Alec Sanders-Hankins
"the worlds deadliest weapon in the world is a Marine and his rifle." -Gen Pershing



Sarah Schaezel
"My life is a series of awkward moments separated by snacks."



Kendall Schneider
"I was given this life because I'm strong enough to live it."



Derek Schurman
"Cheating gets you no where except through high school"



Kaitlin Schwartz
"I came. I saw. I made it awkward."



Jordan Sculley
"GIT-R-DONE!"



Alyssa Serviss
"We are KV"



Hannah Sherwood
"Despite everything, I still don't get Algebra 2."



Nicholas Shivalec
"We are KV"



Carly Shuman
"We are KV"



Bryan Sipkema
"City folks just don't get it."



Judith Smart
"We're all pretty bizarre. Some of us are just better at hiding it."
-The Breakfast Club



Shania Sons
"We are KV"



Alexander Steinberg
"We are KV"



Joseph Steinke
"It's easier to ask for forgiveness than permission."



Jared Stemper
"La puerta de oportunidad esta cerrada." -Sra. Smith



Shawn Stephenson
"Never give up and always fight for something you love."



Johnathan Stepp
"My teeth may be fake, but I'm not"



Joshua Suczynski
"We are KV"



Jessica Sutton
"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." -William Shakespeare



Skylar Sutton
"Not all who wander are lost."



Justine Swisher
"And all was well... Always;"



Emily Tauber
"Wait, did we have calculus homework?"



Zachary Templeton
"Is it just me or did the 'TEMP' just go up in here?"



Cassandra Tiemens
"You just gotta keep livin' man."
-Dazed and Confused



Isaac Tillema
"Don't follow your dreams, follow my Twitter @IsaacTillema"



Abby Tinkel
"#CIMB 'Captains In My Brain' -Sam Tokarz



Samantha Tokarz
"#CIMB 'Captains In My Brain' -Abby Tinkel



Breanna Toppen
"Nobody said it was easy."
-Coldplay



Elizabeth Torbitt
"Thank you for choosing my Wendy's! What can I get fresh for you?" -LT



William Trosper
"We are KV"



Linden Urbano
"We are KV"



Jazmin Valenzuela
 "There are far, far better things
 ahead than any we leave
 behind." -C.S. Lewis



Nicholas Valone
 "We are KV"



Jenna VanSoest
 "It's like we're too old to trick or
 treat and too young to die."
 -Eric Foreman



Alex Villalpando
 "Any dream worth having is a
 dream worth fighting for."
 -Charles Xavier



Jarrett Wade
 "We are KV"



Kaleigh Walden
 "sc: kaleighwalden13"



Ashley Walstra
 "Nothing is real if you don't
 believe in who you are."
 -Rocky Balboa



Schuyler Walters
 "We are KV"



Jillian Warner
 "I like to think I'm a smart girl,
 but I always spell intelligent
 wrong."



Jacob Warren
 "We are KV"



Angela Weaver
 "Anything's possible if you've
 got enough nerve."
 -Ginny Weasley



Joshua Weaver
 "Behold God is my salvation; I
 will trust, and not be afraid."
 -Isaiah 12:2



Darrick Webster
 "Remember tomorrow is
 promised to no one."
 -Walter Payton



Hunter Wenglarz
 "Smells like teen spirit."



Haylie Wheeler
 "Crushed it." -Fat Amy



Larry Whitaker
 "We are KV"



Taylor Whitson
 "And so the adventure begins."



Hannah Wielgos
 "The future belongs to those
 who believe in the beauty of
 their dreams." -E. Roosevelt



Trevor Wiesemann
 "Of course I dress well, I didn't
 spend all that time in the closet
 for nothing."



David Williams
 "Keep on keeping on."
 -Joe Dirt



Dominique Wilson
 "Let's have the time of our
 lives."



Kelsey Wireman
 "What a long, strange trip it's
 been." -grateful dead



Haley Wotherspoon
 "I probably know more about
 you than you think."



Zachary Wrezinski
 "Hey Spagna, we are one!"



Kevin Wu
 "If brilliance ever fails, baffle
 them with baloney."



James Wunderlich
"Sometimes you have to be knocked down to stand taller."



Jerome Wyrobek
"Nate'll do it!"



Jessica Young
"What is this again?"



Danna Yozman
"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't, change your attitude." - Maya Angelou



Gabriela Zaragoza
"Okay."



Brianna Zimmerman
"Your mom goes to college."
- Kip Dynamite

Leah Michelle Harper

May You Rest in Peace
1998- 2009



"Her absolute passion was cheerleading: she couldn't wait to cheer in high school... We used to build forts in the woods, bike around until our legs hurt, and swim until dark. We fought all of the time like siblings do, but what I wouldn't give to hear her scream my name again. I think about and miss her every single day." - Kayley Harper

"When I brought my bird to our 6th grade class, and he got spooked on Leah's head. She just kept laughing, it was contagious. However, I just thoroughly enjoyed every moment, every laugh, and every memory I have of Leah Michelle Harper." - Tabitha Hart, 12



"Fifth grade getting yelled at everyday for chewing gum and being told to spit it out and acting like we did, but still chewing it."
- Darrick Webster, 12

"In 4th grade I was having a very bad Valentine's Day, and Leah gave me a very heartfelt card saying that I was beautiful and tomorrow will be better; I still have the card."
- Faith Hoffman, 12

"Riding our bikes down the road when we were in elementary school." - Jerome Wyrobek, 12

Alex Villalpando

"The start of my high school career I laid low for the most part, as I was just trying to fit into this new environment. As time passed I started to open up more and try new things. My sophomore year was the first year where I actually participated in a school sport, which was soccer. My ambitions went both towards sports and the arts. Being a part of these contrasting activities really helped me develop as an individual and get out of my semi-shy state. I have tried to participate in as many events as I can, some of which include National Honor Society, Ping-Pong Club, Soccer, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Basketball Band, Pit Band, and later in my career: Winter Drumline, Improv, and Theatre."

"I want to be remembered by my willingness to help others... at events and that I did my best to treat everyone as they should be. I plan to attend Indiana State University... [and] major in Music Education and [I] am undecided as of yet if I will minor in anything. Looking back at my high school career, I can see how much I have changed and tried new things and I encourage everyone to go... try some new things; you... never know how much they might change your life until you [try it]," exhorted Alex Villalpando.



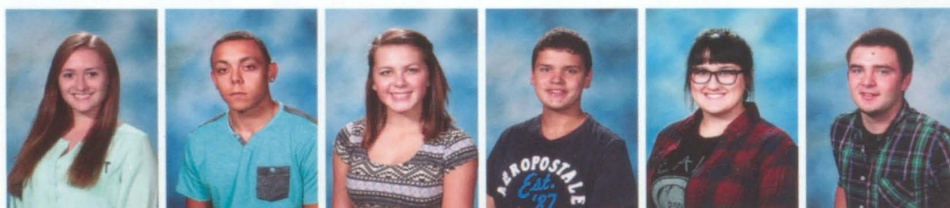
How I Roll Performing at the girl's varsity basketball game, senior Alex Villalpando enjoys his last season in winter drum line. Photo by: K. Eger

Juniors

In the past years, the class of 2017 were instructed to take the PSAT as sophomores. They took half a day to complete it and didn't have to worry about seeing it again, but this year, Indiana changed the SAT. The PSAT that the current juniors took their sophomore year had no beneficial advantage for them. The old SATs were focused on writing, math, and reading skills, now the test focuses on technical responsibilities and technical reading. Before, you had a choice whether you could take the practice SAT (PSAT) or not. The junior class was forced to take them, since the state paid for it. "I'm excited that they changed it, but I also think two essays is a lot for a test like that. Whatever helps us pass is what really matters," explains Junior Kylie Mann.

Not only are the SATs on the Juniors mind, but also college visits. Junior and Senior year are usually spent going on college visits to explore options different colleges have to offer. This can sometimes be really intimidating for students, going to colleges and realizing the future is right around the corner, but eventually everything falls into place.

Cassandra Abell
Alexander Adams
McKenzie Adams
Sean Aguillon
Alyssa Allen
Zachary Allen



Chantel Anderson
Taylor Anderson
Donald Arnold
Jovany Arzate
Oscar Avina
Abbey Babe



Hunter Baggerly
Gavinn Bakker
Amanda Barker
Ryan Bartholomew
Jamie Beck
Jessica Beck



Holly Becker
Brea Beenes
Megan Berndt
Allison Bierma
Christina Birky
Kailynn Blumer





Faith Bobis
Isaac Bodgan
Lucas Bohannon
Madysen Born
Peyton Brewster
Breiana Buchanan



Adam Buckmaster
Reiley Burke
Anna Byrom
Emma Byrom
Hunter Cacich
Michael Calderone



Hannah Cambe
Jacob Campbell
Spencer Carey
Connor Carlson-Burke
Zachary Carroll
Haley Carter



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Mason Chorzempa
Colin Clark
Bethany Cochran
Julianna Colon
Devon Cornell-Crepeau



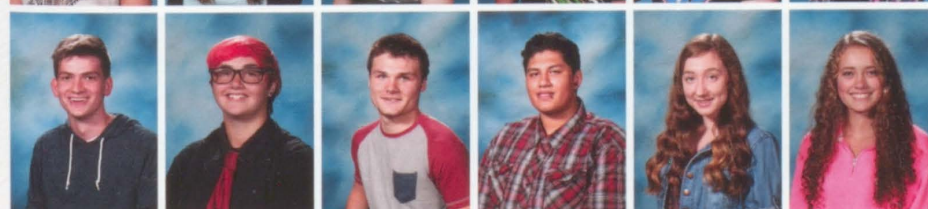
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Wiley James Curry
Kierra Dahlgren
Emily Dahn
David Dahn



Dylan Dancer
Reilly Dattilo
Katie-Anne David
Rayna DeBoard
Dennis DeHaan
Ashley DeKoster



Gabrielle DeSimini
Alyssa DeVries
Audrey DeYoung
Jacob Dietrich
Phillip Dinga
Madison Dittrich



Darren Dock
Ashley Domelle
Drake Dowell
William Ducret
Morgan Dunham
Kyla Dykstra

Faith Edwards
 Katlyn Eenigenburg
 Katelyn Eger
 Cesar Egre Gonzalez
 Evan Ellinghausen
 Elizabeth Evans



Kaitlin Ewen
 Emma Fase
 Connor Fitzpatrick
 Bailey Flick
 Jessica Fox
 Sarah Ganzeveld



Juan Garcia
 Lindsay Gard
 Tanner Garza
 Zachery Geesa
 Brandon Glusak
 Irvin Gomez



Gabriel Gonzalez
 Dallas Grace
 Amanda Greathouse
 Vivian Gregory
 Elena Grove
 Mackenzie Gutwein



Payton Gutwein
 Payton Hale
 Devin Harrington
 Cameron Hastings
 Tyler Hein
 Cameron Hemphill



James Hemphill
 Nautika Hoaks
 Lauren Hobson
 Jordan Hofferth
 Britney Hoffman
 Kacie Hoffman



Codi Holbrook
 Damon Hopps
 Kelton Howard
 Lorraine Howard
 Mac Howard
 Dalton Howes



Victor Hruz
 Dalton Hugar
 Declan Isaily
 Rylie Jaeger
 Savannah Jarrette
 Isaiah Johns



Jacob Jones
 Keegan Jones
 Robert Jones
 Seth Junglas
 Destinee Justice
 Kyle Kamminga





Darin Kapella
Cody Kerkes
Allison Kerulis
Marcus Kidwell
Mettie King
Cole Kistler



Aaron Klawitter
Abby Klomp
Nolan Kordys
Kristen Krieg
Breanna Krooswyk
Joseph Lay



Hannah Ledman
James Lessner
Jordan Lidster
Autumn Linton
Ezra Liston
Felipe Lopez Aguilar



Taryn Lynn
Frida Madrigal Sanchez
Kylie Mann
Andrew Marich
Gavin Marsh
Samantha Marsh



Alyssa Martin
Blake McClain
Gabrielle McClain
Erin McCracken
Brayden Mckim
Jessica McLean



Abigail McMahan
Zachary Meeks
Ashley Mekola
Kyle Mikels
Adam Milbourn
Katherine Miles



Micheal Miller
Grant Mills
Alec Misch
Wade Misch
Matthew Misner
Megan Mitchell



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Aries Morales
Garret Morrison
Kaitlin Morrison
Trenton Mowry
Robert Nelson

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Jessica McLean



Quinn Crim



Julianna Phelps



Elizabeth Evans



Ashley Mekola

Arthur Newbury
Bryce Niewoehner
Brook Nixon
Madisen Nomanson
Logan Nowak
Shawn Nowell



Ryan Nush
Faith Odle
Marisa Padilla
Erika Parcel
Ronald Parchem
Justin Patino



Emily Pearson
Valentin Peterson
Alyssia Petrie
Julianna Phelps
Jamie Pinkerton
Bryce Polletta



Michael Popp
Ryker Porter
Sandra Potts
Sylvia Pritt
Taylor Pyzynski
Jailene Quiles Mercado



Rhiannon Redinger
Chad Regina
Hannah Rhoades
Amber Riede
Evan Rinker
Tyler Risner



Kaylynn Ritz
Madison Roak
Daniel Rockley
Troy Rodriguez
Yamilex Rodriguez
Breanna Rose



Madison Rosiak
Mason Ross
Madison Rowen
Junelle Roy
Jared Saliga
Luis Sandoval



Maria Sandoval
Shawn Scholl
Allison Schulteis
Erik Schultz
Ally Schumacher
Emily Searer



Sierra Sears
Kody Self
Kelsey Shelhart
Jacob Shevock
Clayton Shouse
Timothy Silva





Rebecca Sims
Destany Slinker
Brandon Smith
Denver Smith
Ray Smith
Luke Solomey



Ryan Sorba
Xavier Staniszewski
Emyle Stankovich
Jordan Stanley
Karli Stilley
Tyler Stuppy



Kameron Sullivan
Brianne Swafford
Joshua Talaski
Cameryn Tedesco
Christopher Thompson
Theodore Tobias



Allison Tokarz
Taylor Tracy
Sherri Truelock
Bryce Uylaki
Leah Van Keppel
Ashlie VanBlaircom



Bryce Vander Wall
Kailee VanNieulande
Hunter VanSoest
Jessica Vasquez
Natalie Wagner
Benjamin Wall



Blake Walma
Trenton Walstra
Raegan Walthers
Stephany Way
Miranda White
Tyler Whitehead



Roy Williams
Alexander Wolf
Austin Wright
Natalie Wright
Nathaniel Wright
Alecia Wunderlich



Kalina Ziemlo

Sophomores

Everything changes in an instant. You feel uncomfortable freshman year. Everyone knows that it's a hot mess, filled with lots of anxiety and stress, and you also know that you're the youngest in the school again, unlike before you were the oldest one in the middle school, but when sophomore year comes around you end up getting used to everything and you're a lot more comfortable.

Freshman year down, but another has begun. As the new year began sophomores had to adjust one more time to new teachers, new classes, and being in different classes than their friends. Everyone says that every year of high school will be better than freshman year, but why is that? Sophomore year can be great in many ways. You know the way around the school already, you have your group of friends to come back to after summer, and you have your life a little more figured out instead of all scattered around not knowing what classes to take. You've also probably been through all the mistakes in the book that you could possibly make.

Sophomore Callee Richardson said, "For me sophomore year is a lot more calm, I feel a lot more confident walking around the school, with the students, teachers, and my classes. Sophomore year, unlike freshman year, I feel more accepted to be in clubs and to join in school activities. During freshman year I think you worry more about being in the same classes as friends, being in the same lunch as your friends, and not getting lost. Sophomore year you kind of just go with it because we know how everything works."

Sophomore Nicholas Raymond agreed with Callee, "The biggest difference between freshman year and sophomore year is the atmosphere around you. I was kind of nervous in the beginning but got used to it after about the first nine weeks. You know the school so much better that you began to get very comfortable."

Dallas Abell
Toby Aldrich
Jacob Allen
Rhea Almira
Logan Ammon
Joshua Anderson



Kalynn Anderson
Jose Aranda
Jazmin Arellano
Gino Arzate
Austin Atterbury
Arianna Rose Augustyn



Abbey Ayres
Christian Baez
Hayden Baggerly
Mileidi Barraza Bravo
Connor Beehn
Phillip Bein



Cody Bencze
Crystal Benitez
Haylie Biedron
Donelle Birch
Avrey Blake
Lillian Blanchard





Katelyn Bobo
Samantha Bobo
Karsen Boone
Wyatt Braden
Mikaela Bradley
Brianna Brown



Justin Bryant
Preston Buck
Samantha Burnes
Nicholas Byars
Mitchell Calderone
Shelby Carroll



RaeAnna Carter
Mekenzie Cecil
Tymber Ceglarek
Andrew Chalifoux
Kayla Christensen
Annalie Cisar



Yessica Clemente
Angel Clemente Macias
Jamie Cole
Hayley Collins
Mikayla Collins
Trevor Conley



Brenton Cook
Christopher Cooley
Nathan Cooper
Thomas Curry
Nicholas Dahn
Faith Daniels



Mayra Davila Acero
Danial DeBarge
Andrew DeHaan
Andrew DeKock
Joseph DeKock
Kilyjah DeKock



Benjamin Dennie
Milan Dezelich
Melanie Dobija
Chloe Dobson
Maris Dodge
Kaitlyn Doneski



Vanessa Donovan
Ashlee Drinski
Mia Dufresne
Wyatt Dukes
Abigail Earle
Cameron Edwards

Thomas Edwards
Cami Eenigenburg
Christopher Enriquez
Alyssa Evolga
Eric Farr
Hailey Farr



Charles Fase
Katia Fedor
Francisco Fimbres Herrera
Ashley Fisher
Madison Fisher
Abigail Flanagan



Natalie Fox
Matthew Franzen
Coady French
Georgia Frost
John Gallagher
Jakob Gallion



Chloe Garza
Travis Gawronski
Joshua Gerling
Taylor Gideon
Thomas Gilkerson
Tylor Gouwens



Ronald Graefen
Rylie Gray
Zoesha Gregory
Lacey Grigsby
Cody Hagen
Tyler Halik



Zachery Hanlon
Erik Hardesty
Cordell Hart
Kara Havens
Taylor Hawrot
Colin Hayes



Keilan Helton
Justin Henk
Hannah Herma
Norvin Hilton
Brian Hinson
Haley Hixson



Katelynn Hobson
Bridget Hoffman
Cori Holbrook
Nathan Holm-Hansen
Samantha Homans
Cole Howard



Nathan Hudecek
Rachel Hunter
Dustin Hurst
Marissa Immerfall
Lane Jackson
Tyler Jansky





Christian Jarosak
Edwin Jefferson
Brenden Jobson
Christian Johnson
Gene Jones
Jacob Justice



Lileana Justice
Derek Kaluf
Mariah Keown
Zachary Kessinger
Dakota Kingma
Joshua Kistler



Kolby Klauer
Baylee Klawitter
Mason Koen-Neese
Katlyn Kohlhausen
Brayden Krsak
KayLee Laib



Alexis Lemus
Jason Luedtke
Seth Lyons
Max Maglio
Emma Maple
Braydon Martin



Timothy Maschmeyer
Jonah Masick
Kiernan McCarty
John McMahon
Wendy McMahon
Ashlea Mickle



Noah Mihalovits
Wynter Miley
Owen Misch
Hunter Molden
Isabelle Molenaar
Austin Moore



Spencer Moore
Taryn Moslow
Ashley Musso
Austin Myers
Dontae-Alan Myers
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Lovie Riffe



Carson Fawell



Ashton Wireman



Jacob Young



Shelby Carroll

Koldon Oliver
Gerrit Ooms
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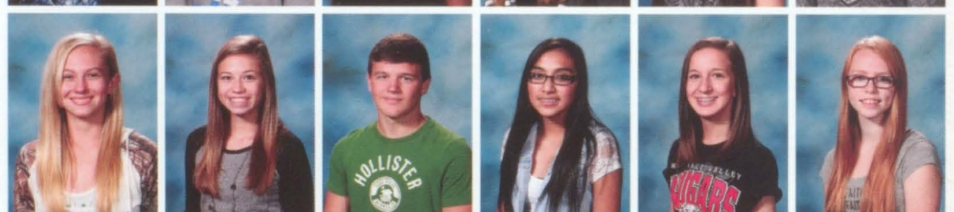
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Samuel Sanders
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Tyler Schmitt
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Meghan Scott
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Grace Sebella
Samantha Sebella
Seth Sheptock
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Jessica Sipkema
Nicholas Skrobol
Lexi Smith
Nichole Smith
Trevor Smith
Derek Smundin



Matthew Smundin
Randy Sneed
Addison Soderlund
Max Stall
Willow Stamper
Sarah Starr





Trystan Steele
Lindsey Stokes
Dawson Straley
Kara Strong
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Harrison Tillema
Christopher Tippit
Abigail Tobias



Emily Tobias
Tyler Trotter
Kyle Trpeski
Brian Tucker
Gavin Turpin
Evan Uhrhammer



Shannon Urbano
Kenneth Urnik
Austin Uylaki
Ana Valenzuela
Maxwell Vance
Logan VanVleet



Eliseo Varela
Emily Vorst
Emily Vujko
Emilio Walker
Megan Ward
Arnell Washington



Jessica Wheeler
Hannah Wiesemann
Madison Williams
Angelina Williamson
Kyle Wilson
Kendall Winnick



Ashton Wireman
Kaylee Wireman
Noah Witkowski
Kira Woolever
Jacob Young
Stone Zadrozny



Alejandro Zavala Hernandez
Allison Zubrenic

Freshmen

At the beginning of the year, freshmen received new Dell laptops. Between learning how to use the new laptops and finding their way in a new school, freshmen year was a challenge. As Liliana Wright put it, "Back in middle school, all of your classes were all pretty close to each other. Once you get to high school, the setup might have freaked you out a little, but once you learned where everything was, getting to all of your classes on time became really easy." It was hard at the beginning, but eventually freshmen got the hang of it.

Freshmen are not the only ones "getting the hang of it" though, Kankakee Valley also received several new students. Freshmen, along with other new students, have a lot of new opportunities. Ranging from school day activities to extracurricular activities, students choose between clubs, sports, academic teams, and other activities. Along with these new opportunities comes an increased emphasis on homework, grades, GPA, class rank, and lots more. Freshmen are doing a great job attending school regularly; they won the attendance incentive in the first quarter. By winning the attendance incentive, Freshmen won vanilla ice cream.

Paytyn Abbring
Abigail Adams
Ashur Adams
Morgan Adams
Jarod Aldrich
Emily Allen



Ryan Almira
Alexis Arambula
Bridget Armond
Aja Ashley
Juan Balboa
Thomas Barr



Kaylee Barrett
Daniel Beehn
Faith Beehn
Corey Bellinger-Klepser
Joseph Berndt
Andrea Black



Paul Blount
Tyler Bogash
Kaylee Bohannon
William Bonilla
Garrett Brewster
Jillian Brewster





Morgan Brodner
Alexandra Brown
Veronica Buckmaster
Faith Burton
Luis Calderon
Timothy Calderon



Rebecca Caldwell
Jillian Campbell
Cole Capps
Rena Cardaras
Karl Carlson
Catherine Carter



Cody Castaldo
Catherine Cavinder
Cameron Collmar
Tristan Cook
Jose Corona Pantoja
Brianna Coster



Andrew Crim
Ryan Crim
Jozua Cuevas
Ryan Cuevas
Danielle Dahn
Megan Daniels



Matthew DeGroot
Carley DeKock
Hunter DeYoung
McKenzie Dinga
Joshua Dodson
Payton Donnelly



Haley Donovan
Brianagh Downey
Ciragh Downey
Paige Dozier
Austin Eger
Ethan Emslander



Taylor Evans
Alan Fau
Thomas Feddeler
Colby Fitzpatrick
Braiden Flick
Carl Fox

Kourtney Fritts
Kayla Gallagher
Mark Galvan
Anna Garcia
Brooke Geary
Kevin Gergely



Luther Gilkerson
Michaela Glaser
Zachary Goeken
Adriana Gomez
Olivia Gonzalez
Jaxon Grace



Riley Grace
Jordan Gray
Halee Griffey
Alexander Gronkiewicz
Maxwell Gutwein
Sasha Hachlica



Rebecca Hanewich
Dylan Hatch
Tiarah Hatfield
Justin Hausenfleck
Aaron Helms
Andrew Helton



Trevor Helton
Angela Hensley
Cody Hinson
Robert Hofferth
Alexis Holmes
Abigail Hornrich



DayLyn Hornbeck
Maggie Hufnagel
Ethan Hugar
Rebekah Hughes
Camryn Isaily
Joshua James



Gabrielle Jenczalik
Joshua Jones
Madison Josephson
Alyssa Kaluf
Douglas Kaufman
Alyssa Kearney



James Kedziora
Rhianna Keister
John Knight
Mary Knight
Hunter Knutson
Jillian Kovach





Austin Krooswyk
Emily Kwiatkowski
Austin Lagestee
Samuel Larzelere
Jonathon Lazorik
Guy Ledman



Isabella LeGrand
Shelby Lewis
Luke Linton
Morgan Lonsberry
Timothy Luttrell
Victor Madrigal Sanchez



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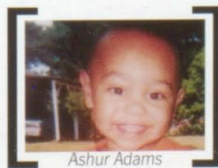


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Steven Olson
Ramon Ontiveros Dominguez
Nathan O'Rourke



Blanca Ortiz
Halie Ott
Kaitlyn Overbey
Chase Packwood
Philip Packwood
Erica Papenfus



Dylan Parker
Jenna Pearson
Abigail Penrose
Jessica Pisarski
DaVid Pitre
Dylan Porter



Nikholet Porter
Racquel Pribyl
Emily Ptacek
Devin Rae
Krista Raschke
Kyle Ray



Raleigh Redinger
Kennedy Renz
Logan Reynolds
Erik Rios Perez
Eryn Risner
Morgan Risner



Terri Roach
Samuel Rotkovich
Andrew Sako
Alberto Sandoval-Mandujano
Emma Sark
Douglas Schurman



Kaleb Scott
Kaylee Seaman
Hailee Shannon
Sadie Shannon
Cameron Sheehy
Adam Sheptock



Jayce Sholey
Cheyenne Sipkema
Emily Slowinski
Michael Smiejek
Matthew Smith
Noah Smith





Ryder Smith
Krystal Snyder
Jason Stamper
Megan Stankovich
Haley Stanley
Jacob Stansberry



Christopher-Ryan Steinberg
Alec Stine
Codi Swallow
Jacob Swallow
Madeline Swart
Lucas Szerlak



Mark Tarbutton
Dakota Tarchala
Jonathan Teeter
Noah Thomasson
Jacob Thompson
Abby Tippit



Jessi Tobias
Hannah Tokarz
Aubrey Toppen
Matthew Van Baren
Paetyn VanNieulande
Michael Vargas



Elizabeth Veldman
Hannah Veldman
Olivia Veldman
Vanessa Villalpando
Cody Walstra
Lilly Ward



Danielle Wells
Star White
Mackenzie Wielgos
Trevor Williams
Wade Williams
Jacob Wilson



Rylen Winter
Joshua Wolfe
Austin Wood
Jonathan Woods
Liliana Wright
Amber Wunderlich



Brynn Young
Connor Young
Daniel Yozman
Samuel Yuratovac

Faculty

One of the biggest changes at the high school was that the students believed that the dress code changed; however, it did not change at all. This began once Mr. Spagna, the new principal, arrived in the school, and now students are more willing to disobey the dress code. Some of the faculty was interviewed to see why. The answers were all the same; none of them could pinpoint an exact reason. With those answers another question was brought up. Why is the dress code strict? This is what Mr. Spagna, Mr. Skrobol, and Mrs. Meadows had to say:



"By taking pride in how you dress, you are representing yourself in a respectful manner. School is to help you prepare for the real world. How you dress could be the first impression a possible employer has of you. First impressions go a long way."

- Mr. Spagna

Tim Adams
Kristen Ashbaugh
Mitchell Aubuchon
Kelly Babb
Vince Barnes
Kimberly Baysinger
Kelly Bengel
Traci Blanco



Mary Blend
Diana Boersma
Nick Boersma
Matt Bristol
Carrie Brockway
Hannah Cates
Ron Cates
Hannah Celorio



Amy Chapleau
Hallie Chicki
Anthony Cochran
Nancy Coster
Rochelle Deulley
Terrie Dickerson
Brandon Dinkins
Dan Donohoe



Wendy Dunham
Kathy Eckert
Daniel Ellenwood
Lisa Falletto
Kathy Ferguson
Polly Franklin
Steven Ganzeveld
Diane Gonsiorowski



Jacob Graegin
John Gray
Douglas Greenlee
David Hass
Crystal Heuft
Laurie Holcomb
Herald Hostetter
Karan Howard



Steve Inman
Barbara Jackson
Erik Kidwell
Tara Kingma
Gloria Kreischer
Sarahann Kritlow
Susan Kwiatkowski
Shawn Lane





Caroleen LaVelle
Sue Long
Michael Lovely
Tammy Lukacek
Carly Maple
Donna Martin
Jeff Martin
Kay Masten

Michelle Meadows
Jeffery Moolenaar
Rebecca Morris
Hannah Morrow
Gina Myers
Deborah Norberg
Paul Norwine
Greg Oliver

Ozana Paraga
Laurie Patrick
Sara Patterson
Andrew Piccirilli
Lindsey Preston
Greg Pulido
Sarah Richard
Melissa Richie

Danny Roberts
Judith Roberts
Emma Rozhon
Shannon Scheurich
Allisa Schnick
Diane Schulenburg
Billy Shepherd
Guy Skrobol

Gwyn Skrobol
Gayle Smith
Michael Spagna
John Spinks
Mary Spurgeon
Megan Spurgeon
Ryan Standish
Jill Steiner

Paul Stephens
Dennis Sterrett
Timothy Stewart
Allison Strange
Sandra Tiemens
Dawn Vandermolen
Julie Walstra
Brett Walther

Trevor White
James Wickstrom
Brooke Wilke
Justin Wilks
Richelle Winstead
Christine Woods
Julie Zaragoza
Donna Zuchowski

Max Zylstra



"We don't allow holes because clothes should be good repair. When you look good, you feel good, and do better in school."
- Mr. Skrobol



"It's a proven fact that the way you dress is a direct reflection of the pride you have in your work and the way you present yourself. If you look good, you will perform well."
- Mrs. Meadows



1. Girls Golf First Row Kira Woolever, Hannah Veldman, Hannah Herma Second Row Kaitlyn Moore, Erin Gouwens, Kayla Groen, Ron Stanton

2. Varsity Football First Row Shelby Carroll, Danial Debarge, Jacob Allen, Tyler Kinney, Cody Gronkiewicz, Brandon Glusak, Joshua Anderson, Milan Dezelich Jr., Logan Nowak Second Row Megan Nee, David Dahn, Tyler Tinnel, Jonathan Stepp, Chad Witt, Logan Ammon, Jacob Young, Nicholas Dahn, Jerome Wyrobek, Bailey Flick, Danielle Dahn Third Row Haley Smart, James Elliott, Joseph Steinke, David Williams, Matthew Smundin, Randy Sneed, Jacob Shevock, Austin Myers, Declan Isaily, Riley Fisher, Sylvia Pritt Fourth Row Brady Hall, Keilan Helton, Darrick Webster, Brian Tucker, Payton Gutwein, Nicholas Schoonveld, Darin Kapella, Jacob Graegin Fifth Row Jim Szafranski, Bob Szafranski, Gavinn Baker, Tyler Hein, Aron Ceglarek, Brad Stewart, Zach Prairie Sixth Row Zack Randall, Dann Ellenwood, Norman Hemphill Jr., Chase Esteppe Not Pictured Kelsie Howe, Bob Wragg, Mark Lukacek

3. Freshman Football First Row Shelby Carroll, Megan Nee, Haley Smart, Sylvia Pritt, Danielle Dahn Second Row Jacob Stansberry, Trevor Helton, Thomas Feddeler, Alexander Gronkiewicz, Garrett Curtis Third Row Nathan O'Rourke, Jaxon Grace, Donald Nannenga, Logan Reynolds, Paul Blount Fourth Row Zach Randal, Joshua Dodson, Andrew Helton, Wade Williams, Luke Linton, Joshua James, Coach Norman G. Hemphill Jr. 4. Tennis First Row Travis Gawronski, Kevin Wu, Austin Martakis, Kyle Mikels, Sam Sanders Second Row Nelson Wilder, Manager Hannah Wisemann, Jared Stemper, Trevor Wisemann, Brett Fase, Austin Abbring, Austin Atterbury, Christina Birky 5. Volleyball First Row Jillian Brewster, Catherine Cavinder, Rachel Hunter, Hannah Tokarz, Chloe Dobson, Haley Donovan, Morgan Risner, Abigail Adams, Emily Allen Second Row Haley Griffey, Reiley Burke, Jessica Fox, Alyssa Hoffman, Taylor Whitson, Kayla Page, Breanna Toppen, Emily Dahm, Lindsey Stokes, Raquel Pribyl Third Row Madison DeYoung, Nina Freund, Madison Rowen, Britney Hoffman, Katherine Miles, Leah Gowens, Brooke Pumnea, Jillian Warner, Cami Eenigenburg, Kaylee Barrett, Camryn Isaily, Coach Baysinger, Coach Maple 6. JV Boys Soccer First Row Jonathon Lazork, Mark Nuttall, Troy Rodriguez, Dylan Porter, Ryder Smith, John Knight, Jacob Thompson. Second Row Manager Rhiannan Keister, Jayce Sholey, Oscar Avina, Seth Sheptock, Austin Eger, Phillip Bein, Cole Capps, Jacob Swartz Third Row Coach Justin DeCock, Kevin Gergely, Alec Stein, Max Gutwein, Ezra Liston, Spencer Carey, Jason VanderWoude 7. Varsity Boys Soccer First Row Kameron Sullivan, Jordan Powell, Josh weaver, Trenton Walstra, Noah Witkowski, Brayden Krsak, Eliseo Varela, Robert Poppe. Second Row Justin DeCock, Hunter Ahrendt, Ryan Nush, Joseph Lay, Cole Ribicki, Jason VanderWoude, Bryce Vanderwall, Kyle Kamminga, Austin Moore, Jacob Swartz

Fall Sports





1. JV Girls Soccer First Row Rebecca Caldwell, Aubrey Toppen, Mary Knight, Mekenzie Cecil, Julianna Phelps, Nicole Nannenga, Natalie Fox Second Row Yessica Clemente, Maggie Hufnagel, Laura Odle, Blanca Ortiz, Jessica Wheeler, Vanessa Villalpando, Coach Bathank Clark

2. Varsity Girls Soccer First Row Samantha Tokarz, Abby Tinkel, Brianna Zimmerman, Emily Hamstra, Haley Cox, Jessica Young Second Row Abigail Hornrich, Reilly Dattilo, Kierra Dahlgren, Julianna Colon, Abbey Babe Third Row Julian Colon, Allison Tokarz, Natalie Fox, Raegan Walther, Shannon Urbano, Abby Klemp, Audrey Johnson-Coach

3. Girls Cross Country First Row Breanna Rose, Ally Schumacher, Kailee VanNieulande, Olivia Veldman Second Row Lane Lewallen, Allison Schultheis, Leah Gouwens, Kaila Moskalick Not Pictured Crystal Benitez

4. Boys Cross Country First Row Dallas Grace, Andrew DeHaan, Colin Clark, Bryce Niewoehner, Trevor Conley, Cameron Edwards, Codi Holbrook Second Row Coach Lane Lewallen, Kyle Wilson, Gavin Tillema, Valentin Peterson, Isaac Tillema, Daniel Rockley, Denver Smith, Luke Solomey, Coach Tim Adams

5. Freshman Powder Puff First Row Shelby Naninga, Andrea Black, Paige Dozier, Kaylee Seamen, Shiann Molden, Kayla Mush, Mikala Meeks Second Row Kayla Gallagher, Alyssa Kearney, Hailey Miller, Morgan Brodner, Michaela Glaser, Jillian Kovach, Emma Sark, Madeline Swart Third Row Coach Amber Passuello, Coach Kelly Babb, Riley Grace, Emily Slowinski, Gabrielle Jenczalik, Carley DeKock, Mckenzie Dinga, Sarah Martin, Taylor Miller, Coach Andrew Piccinilli

6. Sophomore Powder Puff First Row Shelby Carroll, Kilyjah DeKock, Megan Nee, Elizabeth Rinker, Monzerrat Reyes, Haley Howard, Lovie Riffe, Addison Soderlund, Raeann Carter, Maris Dodge Second Row Wendy McMahon, Taylor Gideon, Lexi Smith, Wynter Miley, Mariah Salyers, Meghan Scott, Abby Sayers, Callee Richardson, Brianna Brown Third Row Coach Joyce Matin, Coach Al Martin, Payton Richie, Sarah Starr, Mariah Kiown, Hailey Farr, Arianna Augustyn, Ashton Wireman, Tyler Schmitt, Coach Chuck Demoss

7. Junior Powder Puff First Row Jessica Vasquez, Jailene Mercado, Gabrielle DeSimini, Jessica Beck, Jamie Beck, Brea Beenes, Payton Hale, Junelle Roy Second Row Faith Edwards, McKenzie Adams, Madison Roak, Sierra Sears, Haley Carter, Katelyn Eger, Olivia Lolkema, Katlyn Eenigenburg, Elizabeth Evans Third Row Coach Trish Novak, Erika Parcel, Ashley Mekola, Megan Berndt, Kacie Hoffman, Destany Slinker, Jessica Mclean, Faith Bobis, Taylor Pyzynski

8. Senior Powder Puff First Row Jazmin Valenzuela, Araceli Perez, Cherise Parker, Kaitlin Shuartz, Hannah Wielgos Second Row Sydney Capouch, Jazmyne Mehay, Beatris Gomez, Shania Sons, Abby Tinkel, Ivy Fase, Allison

Pumnea Third Row Coach Jim Freund, Nina Freund, Faith Hoffman, Kelsey Wireman, Samantha Mitchell, Tabitha Hart, Alexandra Brizek, Coach Emma Rozhon Fourth Row Emma Abbring, Jenna Jungels, Autumn Lacosse, Alyssa Eger, Erin Gouwens, Owen Todd

1. JV Girls Basketball First Row Hannah Herma, Catherine Cavinder, Isabelle Molenaar, Kirsten Hentschel, Natalie Fox, Aubrey Toppen
Second Row Row Ryan Myers, Mike Sampson, Abby Sayers, Kaylee Barrett, Carley Dekock, Hailey Farr, Sarah Martin, David Walstra 2. Varsity Girls

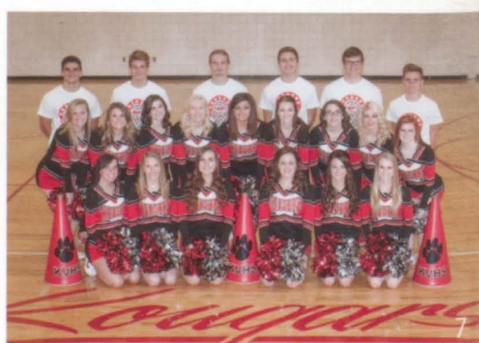
Basketball First Row Alyssa Eger, Mike Sampson, Emma Fase, Ryan Myers, Megan Groen, David Walstra, Second Row Natalie Fox, Raegan Walther, Breanna Toppen, Nina Freund, Lindsey Stokes, Madeline Swart, Nicole Nannenga 3. Frosh Girls

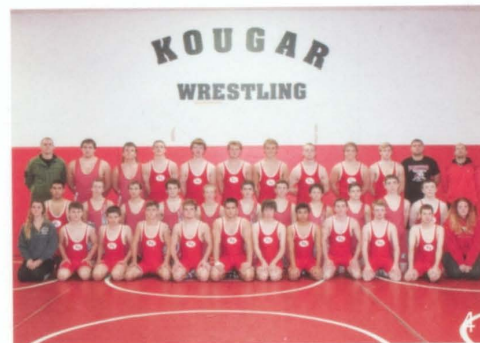
Basketball First Row Kayla Gallagher, Taylor Miller, Kirsten Hentschel, Madisyn Misch, Aubrey Toppen Second Row Ryan Myers, Hailey Miller, Carley Dekock, Mike Sampson, Hailey Farr, Abby Sayers, David Walstra 4. Boys Swimming First Row Hayden Baggerly, Mark Nuttall, Kenneth Urnik, Matthew Misner, Michael Curtis, Joshua Weaver Second Row Steve Schmidt, Codi Holbrook, Kevin Gergely, Derek Kaluf, Cameron Edwards, Jack Anderson, Jack

McMahon Third Row Rhiannon Redinger, Donna Martin, Valentin Peterson, Max Berndt, Jacob Shevock, Dallas Grace, Jacob Campbell, Jeremy Gergely, Ryan Standish 5. Girls Swimming First Row Kaila Moskalick, Leah Gouwens, Klara Hausenfleck, Emma Abbring, Faith Hoffman, Elizabeth Torbitt Second Row Bridget Hoffman, Beth Veldman, Kayla Musch, Brittany Swafford, Wynter Miley, Jenna Pearson, Emily Pearson, Faith Edwards, Lexi Smith, Coach Martin Third Row Coach Stephens, Brooke Pumnea, Megan Daniels, Abby Klemp, Allison Tokarz, Hannah Wisemann, Tyler Schmitt, Racquel Pribyl, Allison Schultheis, Maggie Hufnagel, Coach Hester 6. JV

Cheerleading First Row Amanda Greathouse, Mackenzie Wielgos, Emily Vujko, Kaylee Wireman, Devin Rae Second Row Daylyn Hornbeck, Sasha Hachlica, Nikholet Porter, Kaitlyn Overbey, Lilly Ward 7. Varsity Cheerleading First Row Alexandria Anderson, Victoria DeKock, Kaitlyn Moore, Hannah Sherwood, Emily Poe, Hannah Wielgos Second Row Alyssa Evolga, Zoey Riffett, Emily Vorst, Kaitlyn Saxon, Katia Fedor, Peyton Brewster, Kristen Krieg, Emily Searer, Taylor Tracy Third Row Lucas Bohannon, Michael Smiejek, Joshua James, Hunter Ahrendt, Darin Kapella, Preston Buck

Winter Sports





Spring Sports

1. JV Boys Basketball First Row Hunter VanSoest, Wade Williams, Colin Hayes, Cordell Hart Second Row Grant Mills, Joshua Gerling, Shawn Scholl, Koldon Oliver, William Bonilla, Tyler Whitehead, Brian Tucker, Christopher Cooley 2. Frosh Boys Basketball First Row Ethan Hugar, Austin Martakis, Dylan Parker Second Row Cole Capps, Kaleb Scott, Brett Walther, Samuel Rotkovich, Jaxon Grace 3. Varsity Boys Basketball First Row Evan Ellinghausen, Daniel Rockley, Cameron Hemphill, Brian Tucker, Logan Abbring, Ray Smith, Trenton Walstra Second Row Mac Shane Howard, Hunter VanSoest, Tyler Hein, Gavinn Bakker, Chad Hill, Nathan Vanduyne 4. Wrestling First Row Taylor Bacewic, Alexander Gronkiewicz, Colin Clark, Avrey Blake, Andrew Hamstra, Oscar Gutierrez Medel, Gabriel Gonzalez, Juan Balboa, Bryce Niewoehner, Zackary Scott, Nicholas Byars, Sylvia Pitt Second Row Stevan Perez, Denver Smith, Joshua Suczynski, Robert Poppe, Ryder Smith, Luke Wilkerson, Tyler Trottier, Austin Wood, Marcus Kidwell, Jacob Swallow, Jeremy Piersma Third Row Eric Kidwell, Aron Ceglarek, David Williams, Nicholas Schoonveld, Nathan Holm-Hansen, Gavin Tillema, Luke Solomey, Randy Sneed, Logan Nowak, Kreed Gentz, Brian Burke, Brad Burvan 5. Girls Tennis First Row Hailey Ott, Christina Birky, Sydney Capouch, Aubrey Toppen, Megan Daniels, Second Row Michaela Glaser, Hannah Wiesemann, Paetyn VanNieulande, Alexis Arambula, Blanca Ortiz, Morgan Brodner Third Row Jared Stemper, Kailee VanNieulande, Abby Sayers, Katherine Miles, Megan Groen, Britney Hoffman, Madison Rowen, Kyla Dykstra, Brett Fase

6. Boys Golf First Row Connor Young, Adonia Meiss, Timothy Luttrell, Trenton Walstra, Tylor Gowens Second Row Ron Stanton, Theodore Tobias, Charles Miller, Dennis DeHaan, Nathan Hudecek, Cameron Hemphill, Keilan Helton, Bailey Flick, Brian Tucker, Nicholas Arnold, John Snowden

1. Freshmen Baseball First Row Austin Wood, Alexander Gronkiewicz, Austin Martakis, Samuel Yuratovac Second Row Thomas Feddeler, Samuel Larzelere, Ethan Hugar, Codi Swallow, Braiden Flick, Cameron Sheehy Third Row Coach Andrew Bowen, Jackson Grace, Kaleb Scott, Andrew Helton, Nathan O'Rourke, Joshua James, Robert Hofferth, Coach Zack Volovlek **Not Pictured** Ethan Emslader, Matthew DeGroot, Garrett Curtis

2. JV Baseball First Row Shawn Scholl, Nolan Myers, Justin Patino, Noah Croft Second Row Maxwell Vance, Seth Lyons, Tyler Whitehead, Drake Dowell, Jim Pint, Quniten Henning Third Row Coach Jim Pint, KayLee Laib, Alexander Wolf, Owen Misch, Steven Schmidt, Noah Witkowski, Carson Pewitt, Hunter Molden, Jonah Masick, Annalie Cisar, Jordan VanWienen

3. Varsity Baseball First Row Jacob Allen, Devin Harrington, Ryker Porter, Logan VanVleet, Cameron Fritts, Micheal Croll Cain, Daniel Monk Second Row Jessica Vasquez, Ryan Armstrong, Gregory Larzelere, Gavin Turpin, Mac Howard, Michael Popp, Jacob Jones, Tyler Cambe, Julianna Phelps **Not Pictured** Jonah Masick, Seth Lyons, Carson Pewitt, Alexander Wolf, Tyler Whitehead

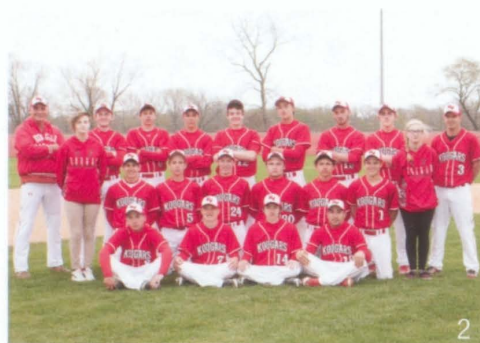
4. JV Softball First Row Tonya Parks, Tymber Ceglarek, Lillian Blanchard, Hailey Miller, Alyssa DeVries, Andrea Black, Kaylynn Ritz, Alyssa Kaluf, Mckenzie Dinga, Faith Edwards, David Parks Second Row Wendy McMahon, Kierra Dahlgren, Taylor Miller, Alyssa Kearney, Vanessa Donovan

5. Varsity Softball First Row Haley Witherspoon, Emma Sark, Mckenzie Adams, Madeline Swart, Jillian Brewster, Emma Maple, Kendall Winnick Second Row Eric Maple, Ashley Fisher, Tom Niemiec, Breanna Toppen, Hannah Cambe, Sarah Starr, Kaylee Barrett, Hailey Ford, Brian Flynn, Lindsey Stokes, Paul Norwine

6. Boys Track First Row Braden Krsak, Arnell Washington, Bryant Phegley, Chase Packwood, William Bonilla, Jacob Stansberry, Ryder Smith, Logan Ammon, Hayden Baggerly Second Row Taylor Hawrot, Cameron Edwards, Valentin Peterson, Logan Nowak, Oscar Gutierrez, James Hemphill, Jacob Shevock, Phillip Bein, Creed Gentz, Adam Buckmaster Third Row Emma Rozhon, Ryan Standish, Andrew DeHaan, Garrett Brewster, Matthew Smundin, Dallas Grace, Steven Olso, Luke Solomey, Tim Adams, Troy Rodriguez Fourth Row Gavin Tillema, Kyle Kamminga, Daniel Rockley, Chad Hill, Nicholas Schoonveld, Isaac Tillema

7. Girls Track First Row Mariah Cruz, Jazmyne Mehay, Leah Gowens, Jenna Jungels, Erin Gowens, Kayla Christ, Rhea Almira Second Row Rebecca Caldwell, Rachel Hunter, Catherine Cavinder, Brianna Brown, Olivia Veldman, Georgia Frost, Crystal Benitez, Abigail Homrich, Hannah Tokarz, Julianna Colon, Hannah Veldman Third Row Lane Lewallen, Rhianna Keister, Jillian Kovach, Ally Schumacher, Kailee Vannieulande, Natalie Fox, Laura Odle, Kara Strong, Kayla Christensen, Riley Grace, David Veldman Fourth Row Halee Griffey, Sarah Martin, McKenzie Cecil, Emma Fase, Raegan Walther, Brooke Pumnea, Allison Tokarz, Ashton Wireman

Spring Sports





Clubs

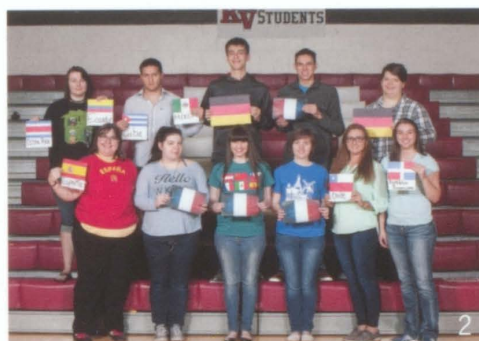
1. **Anime Club** First Row Dakota Tarchala, Jillian Campbell, Erin Mcracken, Kailynn Blumer, Katelynd Kessinger, Krystal Brei, Autumn Fagenbaum Second Row Brianna Keister, Nicole Meyer, Angela Hensley, Jonathan Patton, Samantha Mitchell, Nathaniel Wright, Cheyann Odle
2. **Art Club** First Row Haylie Biedron, Abbey Ayres, Emily Pearson, Haley Ayres, Kaitlin Schwartz, Maris Dodge, Julia Johnson Second Row Jazmyne Mehay, Nicole Meyer, Breanne Lessner, Allison Bierma, Dakota Tarchala, Cody Gronkiewicz Third Row Bethany Ott, Mr. Cochran, Matthew Misner, Erin Gouwens, Maggie Hufnagel, Jenna Jungels, Kalyann Anderson
3. **Book Club** First Row Mrs. Walstra, Katelynd Kessinger, Natalie Wagner, Jessica McLean Second Row Cynthia Martinez, Elizabeth Evans
4. **Bowling** First Row Raegan Johnson, Erika Parcel, Kendall Winnick, Julianna Phelps, Mikayla Collins Second Row Charles Fase, Zachary Kessinger, Donald Arnold, Rhyker Earl, Tristan Garza
5. **BPA** First Row Logan Abbring, Payton Gutwein, Jillian Warner, Cole Ribicki, Sarah Ganzeveld, Dakota Gibbons, Casey Hennings, Beatris Gomez, Charles Fase, Mrs. Blanco Second Row Tyler Kinney, Trevor Conley, Haley Wotherspoon, Hailey Ford, Cody Gronkiewicz, Emily Poe, Alexander Gronkiewicz, Cassandra Abell, Jessica Fox, Cameron Edwards Third Row Brooke Meadows, Megan Groen, James Wunderlich, Hannah Sherwood, Steven Schmidt, Carly Shuman, Joshua Talaski, Kyla Dykstra, Shawn Stephenson, Autumn Fagenbaum Fourth Row Cordell Hart, Sara Dykstra, Jonah Masick, Logan VanVleet, Dennis Dehaan, Zachary Stalhandske, Alton Curry, Stephen Anderson, Hunter Baggerly
6. **Broadcasting** First Row Autumn Fagenbaum, Hannah Sherwood, Sara Dykstra, Emily Poe, Megan Groen, Steven Schmidt Second Row Shawn Stephenson, Jordan Stanley, Charles Fase, Nathan Hudecek, John McMahon, Thomas Edwards
7. **Computer Club** First Row Annalie Cisar, Brayden Krsak, Reiley Burke, Haley Wotherspoon, Cameryn Tedesco, Samantha Tokarz, Madisen Nomanson, Christina Birky, Noah Mihalovits Second Row Mark Tarbutton, Jordn Hofferth, Kyle Ray, Ashton Ray, Daniel Yozman, Alton Curry, Joshua Kistler, Cody Kerkes, Third Row Gabriel Gonzales, Connor Carlson- Burke,

Nicholas Arnold, Harrison Tillema, Hunter Baggerley, Cameron Edwards, Austin Atterbury Fourth Row James Lessner, Phillip Bein, Logan VanVleet, Zachary Stalhandske, Kyle Kamminga, Tyler Gideon, Kyle Michaels Fifth Row Keilan Helton, Jared Stemper, Nolan Kordys

- 1. Criminal Justice** First Row Jessica Sutton, Noah Croft, Brian Bello Vargas, Vanessa Jerzyk, Nina Freund, Taylor Whitson, Erika Parcel, Maria Sandoval Second Row Irvin Gomez, Taylor Evans, Brayden Krsak, Colin Clark, Ashley Walstra, Oscar Gutierrez Medel, Ethan Emslander, Mr. Moolenaar Third Row Eliseo Varela, Christopher Thompson, Jovany Arzate, Devin Harrington, Valentin Peterson, Luke Linton, Mason Koen-Neese
- 2. Crochet Club** First Row Mrs. Preston, Breanna Rose, Allison Bierma, Haley Ayres, Abbey Ayres Second Row Jenna Jungels, Leah Gouwens, Erin Gouwens, Megan Groen, Emma Fase
- 3. Drama Club** First Row Maris Dodge, Alyssa Serviss, Vanessa Donovan, Elizabeth Torbitt, Sarah Schaezel, Dennis DeHaan, Callee Richardson, Breiana Buchanan, Kelsey Shelhart, Mrs. Steiner Second Row Terri Roach, Bridget Hoffman, Morgan Adams, Quinn Crim, Mikaela Bradley, Rena Cardaras, Haylie Wheeler, Madison O'Dor, Faith Edwards, Rhiannon Redinger Third Row Cynthia Martinez, Raegan Johnson, Emily Ptacek, Preston Buck, Mariah Salyers, Lilliana Wright, Emily Kwiatkowski, Melanie Dobija, Abigail Hornrich, Mitchell Calderone Fourth Row Connor Carlson-Burke, Chase Packwood, Halee Griffey, Vanessa Villalpando, Star White, Nichole Smith, Alecia Wunderlich, Jessi Tobias, Angela Hensley, Donelle Birch Fifth Row Gavin Tillema, Derek Kaluf, Evan Balboa, Adam Sheptock, Nathan Guerrero, Nicholas Skrobol, Jenna Jungels, Samantha Mitchell Sixth Row Mr. Skrobol, Mrs. Skrobol, William Ducret, Alex Villalpando, Sarah Kerkes, Jarred Ooms, Gerrit Ooms
- 4. Environmental** First Row Ms. Patterson, Reilly Dattilo, Hannahmae Buckmaster, Aries Morales, Brianna Zimmerman, Sadie Shannon, Brianna Coster, Rhianna Keister, Jessica McLean Second Row Julianna Phelps, Eric Davis, James Elliott, Madison Dittrich, Abby Tinkel, Emily Hamstra, Third row Amber James, Mathew Misner, Cameron Hemphill, William Bonilla, Vivian Gregory, Maxwell Gutwein, Preston Buck, Katia Fedor, Josh James
- 5. FCA** First Row Hazel Veluman, Paetyn VanNieulande, Abigail Hornrich, Aubrey Toppen, Hailey Farr, Karsen Boone, Hannah Veldman, Morgan Brodnar Second Row Isabelle Molenaar, Megan Groen, Kayla Groen, Erin Gouwens, Leah Gouwens, Emma Fase, Kailee VanNieulande, Allie Tokarz, Mrs. Kingma Third Row Denver Smith, Ryder Smith, Breanna Toppen, Cameron Hemphill, Hunter VanSoest, Trenton Walstra, Allison Schultheis
- 6. FCCLA** First Row Trevor Weismann, Alyssa Allen, Zachary Wrezinski, Taylor Pyzynski, Alexandra Brizek, Ms. Benge Second Row Max Berndt, Madison Rosiak, Chloe Garza, Callee Richardson, Ana Valenzuela, Jazmin Valenzuela Gastelum.
- 7. FEA** First Row Emilie Bassett, Khristine Mak, Haley Ammon, Victoria DeKock, Rebecca Sims Second Row Alyssa Allen, Alexandra Brizek, Trevor Wiesemann

Clubs





1. FFA First Row Katlyn Kohlhaugen, Kayla Groen, Megan Groen, Emma Abbring, Cheyann Odle, Bryan Sipkema, Joseph Steinke, Cassandra Abell, Sonya Odle, Mr. Inman Second Row Natalie Wagner, Norvin Hilton, Taylor Bacewic, Lane Jackson, Bryce Vander Wall, Zackary Scott, Danielle Dahn, Jessica Sipkema, Brooke Meadows Third Row Jordan Sculley, Cody Moore, Brian Tucker, Austin Moore, Justin Bryant, Jason Stamper, Sean Eenigenburg, Tabitha Hart, Alyssa Martin Fourth Row Alex Hanewich, Spencer Moore, Jacob Dietrich, Max Maglio, Daniel DeBarge, Logan Reynolds, Connor Carlson- Burke Fifth Row Tyler Stuppy Mrs. Susan Long, Austin Lgestee, Carl Fox, Tyler Hein, Masyn Misch, Trystan Steele

2. Foreign Language Club First Row Mrs. Franklin, Lorraine Howard, Casey Hennings, Elizabeth Evans, Cassandra Abell, Madysen Born Second Row Autumn Fagenbaum, Oscar Gutierrez Medel, Alex Villalpando, Austin Abbring, Katelynd Kessinger

3. Freshmen Mentors First Row Brian Bello, Peyton Bobby, Jessica Fox, Trevor Wiesemann, Hannahmae Buckmaster, Kyle Hawrot, Gabrielle Desimini, Emma Byrom, Britney Hoffman, Madison Rowen Second Row Savanna Prater, Hailey Ford, Breanna Toppen, Faith Hoffman, Rhiannon Redinger, Emily Pearson, Klara Hausenfleck, Taylor Whitson, Alyssa Hoffman, Kyla Dykstra Third Row Allison Schultheis, Peyton Brewster, Kailee VanNieulande, Khristine Mak, Kelsey Wireman, Jazmin Valenzuela, Jazmyne Mehay, Katie Morrison, Alyssa Martin Fourth Row Kayla Groen, Megan Groen, Emma Fase, Sarah Schaezel, Alyssa Eger, Abby Tinkel, Keagan Walther, Abby Klomp, Kacie Hoffman, Fifth Row Hunter VanSoest, Denver Smith, Bryce Niewoehner, Alex Villalpando, Daniel Rockley, Tristan Garza, Oscar Gutierrez Medel, James Elliott, Darrick Webster Sixth Row Hannah Kuhn, Autumn Fagenbaum, Austin Abbring, Cal Furgye, Theodore Tobias, Matthew Misner, Jeremy Gergely, Tyler Gideon

4. Health Occupations Club First Row Tuesday Sabol, BriKayla Babe, Kyla Porter, Jessica Beck, Kailyn Moore, Haley Cox, Kiley Ferris, Abby Tinkel, Kelsey Wireman, Arianna Rivercomb Second Row Hayley Collins, Zoey Riffett, Ana Garcia-Rodriguez, Juliana Rodriguez, Cherise Parker, Jessica Young, Jazmin Valenzuela, Cassie Tiemens Third Row Haylie Biedron, Bethany Ott, Kaylynn Anderson, Chloe Dobson, Marissa Immerfall, Preston Buck

5. Manufacturing Club First Row Michael Curtis, Matthew Jenkins, Kreed Gentz, Derek Schurman, Wyatt DeKock, Alec Misch, Jacob Allen, Mr. Hass Second Row Robert Jones, Jonathan Stepp, Dalton Milbourn, Erik Schultz, Eric Farr, Quinten Henning Third Row Alec Sanders, Reiley Burke, David Williams, Drake Dowell, Aron Ceglarek

6. NHS First Row Gabrielle Desimini, Sandra Potts, Natalie Coldiron, Klara Hausenfleck, Sarah Schaezel, Casey Hennings, Haley Cox, Jessica Fox, Emily Tauber, Taylor Whitson, Second Row Madi Rowen, Britney Hoffman, Kyla Dykstra, Ally Schumacher, Khristine Mak, Amber James, Bryce Niewoehner, Skylar Sutton, Beatris Gomez Third Row Peyron Bobby, Hannah Sherwood, Megan Mitchell, Kelsey Shelhart, Rhiannon Redinger, Jillian Warner

Alyssa Hoffman, Cheyann Odle, Brooke Meadows Fourth Row Allie Tokarz, Jazmyne Mehay, Breanna Toppen, Kaila Moskalick, Sylvia Pritt, Breanna Rose, Abby Tinkel, Abby Klomp, Allison Schultheis Fifth Row Dakota Gibbons, Cameron Fritts, Jenna Jungles, Hannah Cambe, Leah Gowens, Faith Hoffman, Kayla Groen, Megan Groen, Emma Fase, Angela Weaver Sixth Row Daniel Rockley, Keagan Jones, Denver Smith, Cameron Sullivan, Kevin Wu, Bryan Sipkema, Tyler Gideon, Kyle Brown Seventh Row Autumn Fagenbaum, Hunter Ahrendt, Nick Arnold, Alex Villalpando, Hunter VanSoest, Theodore Tobias, Seth Junglas, Alexandra Brizek

7. Newspaper First Row Madison Williams, Kelsey Shelhart, Halee Griffey, Aries Morales Second Row Victoria DeKock, Gavin Coppage, Bryant Phegley, Mrs. Deulley

1. **Poets Society** First Row Casey Hennings, Austin Abbring, Raleigh Redinger, Cody Gronkiewicz 2. **Quill and Scroll** First Row Ana Valenzuela, Katlyn Kohlhausen, Jessica McLean, Emily Poe, Hannah Sherwood, Maris Dodge Second Row Sara Dykstra, Gavin Coppage, Megan Groen, James

Wunderlich 3. **Robotics** First Row Mr.

Standish, Trenton Walstra, Sandra Potts, Jazmyne Mehay, Drew Havens, Cody

Gronkiewicz, Leah Gouwens

Second Row Sam Anderson, Kevin Wu, Cameron Edwards, Hunter Cacich, Wade Misch, Dalton

Hugar, Isabelle Molenaar Third Row Sam Hamstra, Denver Smith, Hunter Ahrendt, Theodore Tobias, Cameron Fritts, Katherine

Miles, Gavinn Bakker 4. **SADD** First Row Nikholet Porter, Gabi Desimini, Spencer Carey, Abby Tinkel, Taylor Whitsen Second Row Carley Dekock, Peyton Bobby, Savanna Pater, Abby Klemp, Becca Caldwell, Alyssa Hoffman Third Row Hailey Ford, Kacie Hoffman, Cameryn

Tedesco, Emily Hamstra 5. **Science Club**

First Row Rhiannon Keister, Sandra Potts, Ally Schumacher, Rhiannon Redinger, Brianna

Coster, Mrs. Coster Second Row Sylvia Pritt, Aaron Klawitter, Tristan Garza, Keegan Jones, Wade Misch Third Row Seth Junglas, Kameron

Sullivan, Ted Tobias, Denver Smith 6. **SHF**

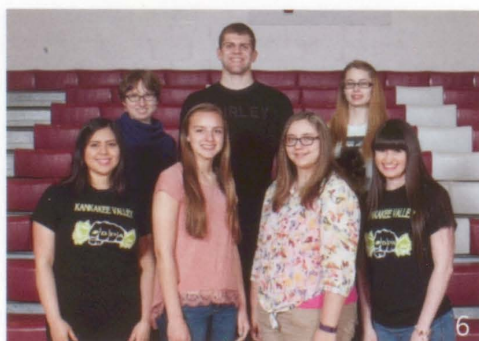
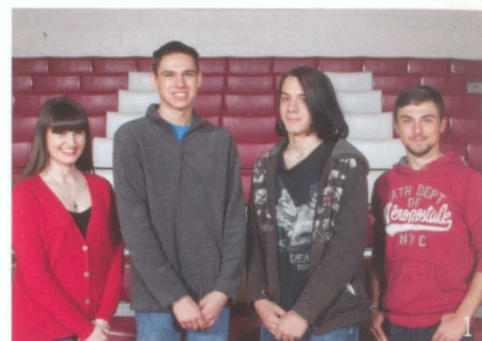
First Row Beatris Gomez, Madison Rowen, Megan Mitchell, Casey Hennings Second Row

Emily Tobias, Daniel Rockley, Ashley Musso

7. **Sunshine Club** First Row Megan Nee, Hannah Tokarz, Peyton Brewster, Gabrielle Desimini, Britney Hoffman, Liliana Wright, Emily Pearson, Emily Searer, Sarah Schaezel Second

Row Emily Ptacek, Jenna Pearson, Halie Ott, Paetyn VanNieulande, Maggie Hufnagel, Alexis Arambula, Madison Rowen, Jessica Fox, Kyla Dykstra Third Row Hannah Celorio, Jessica Sipkema, Katlyn Kohlhausen, Alecia Wunderlich, Amanda Greathouse, Aubrey Toppen, Shannon Urbano, Kaitlyn Saxon

Clubs



1. Table Tennis First Row Joshua Weaver, Cody Bencze, Brett Fase, Kyle Hawrot, Jared Stemper, Austin Abbring, Casey Hennings, Matthew Smith, Jack Anderson, Mr. Stewart Second Row Elizabeth Torbitt, Max Berndt, Michael Curtis, Denver Smith, Hunter Ahrendt, Joseph Berndt, Cheyann Odle, Mark Tarbutton Third Row Alex Villalpando, Darin Kapella, Kyle Mikels, Isaac Tillema, Austin Atterbury, Tylor Gouwens, Joshua Kistler 2. United As One First Row Rhea Almira, Nikholet Porter, Olivia Veldman, Michael Thomas, Haley French, Allison Zubrenic, Timothy Lawson, Ms. Chicki, Breanna Krooswyk, Maggie Hufnagel, Mrs. Celorio, Kristina McKinney Second Row Gavin Mehay, Madison O'Dor, Lilly Ward, Karsen Boone, Mayra Davila, Zoey Riffett, Brayden McKim, Meghan Scott, Abby Klemp, Aubrey



Toppen Third Row Thomas Barr, Sean Eenigenburg, Cole Howard, Schuyler Walters, Lauren Hobson, Kaitlyn Saxon, Kira Woolever, Katelynn Hobson, Cody Hagen Fourth Row Mrs. Schulenburg, Mrs. Long, Abigail Adams, Blanca Ortiz, Mrs. Spurgeon, Mrs. Brockway 3. Yearbook First Row Ana Valenzuela, Katlyn Kohlhausen, Emily Allen, Cynthia Martinez, Jessica McLean, Elizabeth Evans, Maris Dodge Second Row Mikayla Collins, Faith Odle, Samantha Mitchell, Katelyn Eger, Ashur Adams, Lexi Smith, Mrs. Deulley 4. Youth Alive/Pathfinders First Row Charlie Fase, Hayden Baggerly, Karsen Boone, Mariah Salyers, Emily Pearson, Isabelle Molenaar, Jack McMahon, Alecia Wunderlich Second Row Zack Scale, Kayla Musch, Matthew Misner, Hannah Sherwood, Katlyn Eenigenburg, Hailey Farr, Emma Fase, Adam Sheptock Third Row Alex Villalpando, Shawn Stephenson, Veronica Buckmaster, Megan Groen, Tabitha Hart, Jenna Jungels, Kayla Groen, Hunter Vansoest, Nathan Holm-Hansen 5. Advanced Band First Row Haylie Wheeler, Ashley Gidley, Angela Weaver, Nicholas Boersma, Brooke Meadows, Megan Mitchell Second Row Amanda Greathouse, Emily Searer, Hunter Deyoung, Adonia Meiss, Zachary Kessinger, Bridget Hoffman, Alex Villalpando, Hunter Ahrendt Third Row Nicholas Skrobol, Sarah Kerkas, Holly Becker, Rena Cardaras, Alyssa Kaluf, Taylor Hawrot, Lileana Justice, Ryan Bartholomew, Jazmin Arellano Fourth Row Jarred Ooms, Evan Balboa, Kyle Brown, Seth Sheptock, Skylar Sutton, Nathaniel Wright, Kelsey Shelhart, Dallas Grace, Kara Havens Fifth Row Karli Stilley, Derek Smundin, Grant Manns, Ashley Domelle, Kyle Mikels, Rhiannon Redinger, Kevin Simmons Sixth Row Justine Swisher, Sarah Schaezel, Jared Stemper, Faith Hoffman, Gerrit Ooms, Noah Johnson, Kevin Wu Seventh Row Tylor Gouwens, Rylie Gray, Abby Earle, Bryce Niewoehner, Annalie Ciszar, Evan Uhrhammer, Ally Schumacher, Kyle Hawrot

Instrumental

6. Symphonic Band First Row Emily Pearson, Anna Garcia, Kailynn Blumer, Grace Sebella, Mariah Salyers, Kristen Krieg, Kaylee Wireman, Haley Howard, Halee Griffey, Vanessa Villalpando, Liliana Wright Second Row Robert Jones, Jacob Wilson, Robert Hofferth, Timothy Maschmeyer, Mark Nuttall, Blake Walma, Alexis Holmes, Samuel Rotkovich Third Row Angel Williamson, Kiernan McCarty, Abbey Ayres, Emily Allen, Veronica Buckmaster, Jessica Pisarski, Robert Peschke, Andrew Carter, Milan Dezelich Jr. Fourth Row Ryan Crim, Alec Stine, Andrew Crim, Jayce Sholey, Kylie Mann, Isabella LeGrand, Juan Balboa, Austin Eger Fifth Row William Ducret, Emily Vorst, Sean Aguillon, Faith Daniels, Derek Kaluf, Carl Fox, Karl Carhon, Christopher Thompson, Harrison Tillema Sixth Row Adam Sheptock, Brianne Swafford, Haley Ayres, Shelby Lewis, Ryan Cuevas, Ryder Smith, Joshua Dodson, Lucas Bohannon, Dylan Hatch 7. Black Jazz Band First row Nathaniel Wright, Seth Sheptock, Adonia Meiss, Katelind Kessinger Second Row Andrew Crim, Austin Eger, Shelby Lewis, Isabella LeGrand Third Row Derek Smundin, Alec Stine, Grant Manns, Ryan Crim, Christopher Thompson, Sandra Potts Fourth Row Douglas Kaufman, Liliana Wright, Georgia Frost, Adam Sheptock

Kyle Trepeski, Angela Hensley, Georgia Frost Seventh Row Jozua Cuevas, Douglas Kaufman, Stevan Perez, Joshua Dodson, Lucas Bohannon, Dylan Hatch 7. Black Jazz Band First row Nathaniel Wright, Seth Sheptock, Adonia Meiss, Katelind Kessinger Second Row Andrew Crim, Austin Eger, Shelby Lewis, Isabella LeGrand Third Row Derek Smundin, Alec Stine, Grant Manns, Ryan Crim, Christopher Thompson, Sandra Potts Fourth Row Douglas Kaufman, Liliana Wright, Georgia Frost, Adam Sheptock

1. Red Jazz Band First Row Zachary Kessinger, Kyle Brown, Skylar Sutton, Kelsey Shelhart, Megan Mitchell, Angela Weaver Second Row Braydon Martin, Brianna Swafford, Noah Johnson, Kevin Wu Third Row Mr. Boersma, Jared Stemper, Justine Swisher, Kyle Mikels, Karli Stilley Fourth Row Alex Villalpando, Brooke Meadows, Evan Uhrhammer, Annalie Cisar, Rylie Gray, Tylor

Gouwens **2. Orchestra** First Row Drew Havens, Sandra Potts, Bryan Sipkema Second Row Brianna Brown, Kenneth Urnik, Kira Woolever, Hannah Veldman, Emily Pearson, Jessica Sipkema, Donelle Birch, Stephany Way, Payton Donnelly Third Row Elizabeth Rinker, Wendy McMahon, Brittany Swafford, Danielle Dahn, Ashton Wireman Blanca Ortiz, Rebekah Hughes, Rachel Hunter Fourth Row Jessi Tobias, Ronald Graefen, Abigail Flanagan, Adriana Gomez, Rena Cardaras, Sonya Odle, Nicole Meyer, Grace Sebella Fifth row: Chase Packwood, Andrea Black, Zachary Goeken, Isabelle Molenaar, Laura Odle, Nicholas Raymond Sixth Row Noah Johnson, Kyle Hawrot, Rhianna Keister, Zachary Meyer, Kevin Simmons **3. Marching Band**

First Row Bryce Niewoehner, Rylie Gray, Ally Schumacher, Hunter Ahrendt, Alex Villalpando, Evan Uhrhammer, Abby Earle, Georgia Frost, Tylor Gouwens Second Row Emily Vorst, Annalie Cisar, Vanessa Villalpando, Dylan Hatch, Zachary Goeken, Adam Sheptock, Lucas Bohannon Third Row Amanda Greathouse, Emily Searer, Liliana Wright, Rena Cardaras, Angela Hensley, Kevin Simmons, Haylie Wheeler, Angela Weaver Fourth Row Halee Griffey, Grace Sebella, Angelina Williamson, Jazmin Arellano, Kiernan McCarty, Liliana Wright, Veronica Buckmaster, Ashley Gidley, Katelynd Kessinger Fifth Row Nicholas Skrobol, Sarah Kerkes, Holly Becker, Taylor Hawrot, Bridget Hoffman, Robert Peschke, Ryan Bartholomew, Jessica Pisarski Sixth Row Samuel Rotkovich, Alexis Holmes, Mark Nuttall, Nathaniel Wright, Kelsey Shelhart, Kyle Brown, Seth Sheptock, Russel Baize Seventh Row Brittany Swafford, Juan Balboa, Austin Uylaki, Dallas Grace, Rhiannon Redinger, Megan Mitchell, Adonia Meiss, Robert Hofferth, Zachary Kessinger Eighth Row Alec Stine, Derek Smundin, Kyle Mikels, Harrison Tilema, Justine Swisher, Jared Stemper, Ryan Crim, Faith Daniels, Derek Kaluf Ninth Row Andrew Crim, Jayce Sholey, Ashley Domelle, Karli Stilley, Faith Hoffman, Sarah Schaezel, Sean Aguillon, Christopher Thompson Tenth Row Evan Balboa, Kylie Mann, Shelby Lewis, Brianna Swafford, Ryder Smith, Isabella LeGrand, Gerrit Ooms, Braydon Martin, Kevin Wu, Noah Johnson Eleventh Row Jarred Ooms, Stevan Perez, Douglas Kaufman Twelfth Row Mr. Dinkins, Brooke Meadows, Kyle Hawrot, Emily Pearson, Mr. Boersma

4. Kolorguard First Row Anna Byrom, Hannahmae Buckmaster, Emma Byrom Second Row Jessica Sipkema, Mariah Saylers, Hunter Deyoung, Donelle Birch, Katelyn Eger **5. Winter Guard** First Row Rena Cardaras, Anna Byrom, Hannahmae Buckmaster, Katelyn Eger, Emma Byrom Second Row Jessica Sipkema, Veronica Buckmaster, Mariah Saylers, Hunter Deyoung, Ally Schumacher, Donelle Birch

6. Winter Drum Line First Row Annalie Cisar, Rylie Gray, Abby Earle, Kira Woolever, Ally Schumacher, Georgia Frost, Vanessa Villalpando Second Row Zachary Goerien, Tylor Gouwens, Evan Uhrhammer, Alex Villalpando, Adam Sheptock, Lucas Bohannon

Instrumental





Choral



1. Beginning Mixed Chorus First Row Haley Stanley, Hannah Miller, Anna Garcia, Samantha Burnes, Zoe Norman, Megan Stankovich, Emily Kwiatkowski, Jolyse Mullins, Erica Papenfus, Brianna Coster, Kaylee Seaman
Second Row Sandie Primir, Hazel Veldman, Faith Beehr, Erin McCracken, Krista Raschke, McKenzie Dinga, Tiarah Hatfield, Raegan Johnson, Emily Ptacek, Ms. Faletto
Third Row Emily Slowinski, Aja Ashley, Amanda Barker, Chase Packwood, Star White, Alan Fau, Alexander Wolf, Schuyler Walters, Corey Bellinger- Klepser, Chris Steinberg
Fourth Row Faith Burton Kaity Hoffman, Shawn Nowell, Austin Bushore, Jerome Wyrobek, Nathan Guerrero, Joshua Bliss, Mason Koen- Neese, Brianna Keister

2. Intermediate Chorus/ Choralairs First Row Morgan Adams, Christian Baez, Maris Dodge, Monzerrat Reyes, Mikaela Bradley, Sidney Rosiak, Jessica Vasquez, Rhea Almira
Second Row Kaitlyn Overbey, Emily Tobias, Chloe Garza, Katlyn Eenigenburg, Yessica Clemente, Katelynn Hobson, Madison O'Dor, Payton Hale, Terri Roach
Third Row Vanessa Donovan, Emily Vujko, Ashley Musso, Stephany Way, Judith Smart, Kaitlyn Hoffman, Allison Pumnea

3. Advanced Chorus/ Concert Choir First Row Sarah Kerkes, Breiana Buchanan, Tabitha Hart, Madison Dittich, Kelsie Howe, Lauren Hobson, Julianna Phelps, Sandie Primir
Second Row Sarah Schaezel, Klara Hausenfleck, Hannah Kuhn, Kendall Schneider, Nicholas Skrobul, Mitchell Calderone, Gabrielle McClain, Alyssa Serviss, Emma Byrom
Third Row Kaila Moskalick, Audrey DeYoung, Mason Chorzempa, Hunger DeYoung, Seth Junglas, Alexander Wolf, Samantha Mitchell, Anna Byrom, Elizabeth Torbitt
Fourth Row Vivian Gregory, Hannah Sherwood, Liliana Wright, Toby Aldrich, Shawn Nowell, Austin Bushore, Jerome Wyrobek, Nathan Guerrero, Emma Fase, Alexandra Brizek

4. Valley Jazz Singers First Row Madison O'Dor, Vanessa Donovan, Nicholas Skrobul, Mason Chorzempa, Mikaela Bradley, Morgan Adams
Second Row Sarah Kerkes, Sarah Schaezel, Quinn Crim, Jerome Wyrobek, Nathan Guerrero, Melanie Dobija, Maris Dodge
Third Row Kendall Schneider, Hannah Sherwood, Seth Junglas, Toby Aldrich, Alexander Wolf
5. Academic Decathalon First Row Georgia Frost, Emily Tobias, Megan Mitchell, Kelsey Shelhart, Brooke Meadows
Second Row Tylor Gowens, Kyle Mikels,

Academic



Ted Tobias, Jared Stemper
6. Science Olympiad First Row Ms. Heuft, Haylie Biedron, Natalie Wagner, Megan Ward, Rena Cardaras, Isabelle Molenaar, Mr. Sterret
Second Row Nick Raymond, Bethany Ott, Autumn Fagenbaum, Jamie Cole, Joseph Berndt, Harrison Tillema

1. **Spell Bowl** First Row Emily Tobias, Megan Mitchell, Brooke Meadows, Skylar Sutton Second Row Kyle Mikels, Alec Stine, Ted Tobias, Tylor Gouwens, Jared Stemper

2. **Super Bowl** First Row Emily Kwiatkowski, Morgan Adams Second Row Raegan Johnson, Star White, Emily Tobias

3. **Freshmen Class Officers** Maggie Hufnagel, Halee Griffey, Maggie Hufnagel

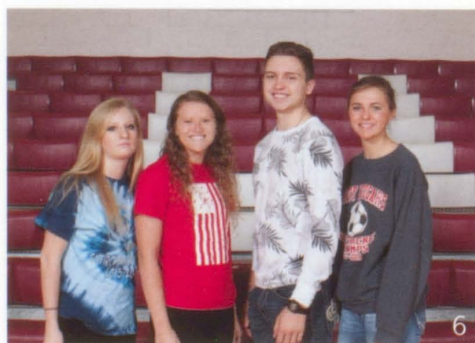
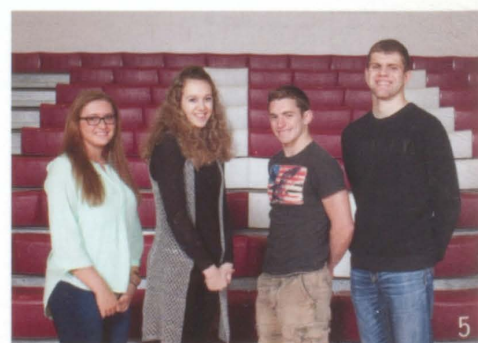
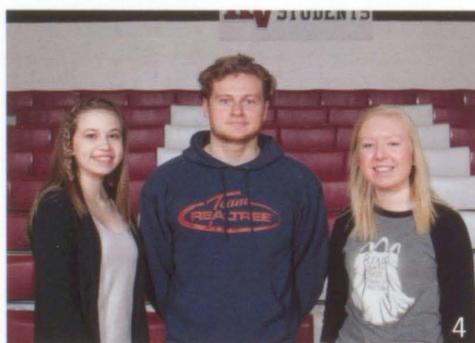
4. **Sophomore Class Officers** Payton Ritchie, Gavin Tillema, Kaitlyn Saxon

5. **Junior Class Officers** Elizabeth Abel, Allison Schultheis, Bryce Niewoehner, Daniel Rockley

6. **Senior Class Officers** Brianna Zimmerman, Abby Tinkel, Hunter Ahrendt, Haley Cox

7. **Student Council** First Row Beatris Gomez, Jared Stemper, Kaitlyn Saxon, Austin Abbring, Casey Hennings, Hunter Ahrendt, Keegan Jones, Kevin Wu, Alexandra Brizek, Sydney Capouch, Trevor Wiesemann Second Row Mr. Lovely, Riley Grace, Maggie Hufnagel, Rebecca Caldwell, Cody Bencze, Abby Tinkel, Haley Cox, Marissa Immerfall, Hannah Wiesemann, Angela Weaver Third Row Julianna Phelps, Shannon Urbano, Blanco Ortiz, Isabelle Molenaar, Karsen Boone, Hailey Farr, Payton Richie, Kailee Vannieuilande, Allison Schultiz, Dakota Kingma Fourth Row Halee Griffey, Vanessa Villalpando, Abigail Homrich, Trevor Conley, Mckenzie Cecil, Brooke Pumnea, Joshua Kistler, Cassandra Abell, Jonathan Patton Fifth Row Bryce Niewoehner, Gavin Tillema, Robert Poppe, Charles Miller, Nicholas Raymond, Colin Hayes, Elizabeth Evans, Cameron Edwards, Noah Witkowski, Daniel Rockley, Peyton Brewster

Student Life



Senior Activities

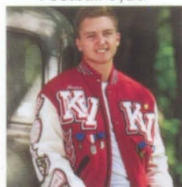
Austin Abbring

FEA 10,11
F Mentor 12
STUCO 12
Table Tennis 11,12
Tennis 11,12



Emma Abbring

Art Club 12
Choir 9
FFA 9,10,11,12
Pwdrpuff 11,12
Swimming 9,10,11,12
Logan Abbring
Basketball 9,10,11,12
BPA 11,12
Anthony Aguillon
Football 9,10



Hunter Ahrendt

Cheerldng 11,12
Class Officer 10,11,12
Concert Band 9,10,11,12
Drum Line 9,10,11,12
Engineering 10,11
Football 11
Golf 9,10,11,12
March Band 9,10,11,12
NHS 10,11,12
Prom ct 11
Robotics 9,10,11,12
Soccer 9,10,12
STUCO 9,10,11,12
Pep Band 9,10,11,12

Alexandria Anderson

Golf 9,10

Jack Anderson

Swimming 9,10,11,12
Table Tennis 12
Sam Anderson
Engineering 10,11,12
Robotics 11,12

Nick Arnold

Computer 12
Golf 9,10,11,12
NHS 10,11,12

Haley Ayres

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Art Club 12
Concert Band 9,10,11,12
Crochet Club 10,11,12
March Band 9,10,11,12
NHS 10,11,12
Robotics 11

Brikayla Babe

Cheerldng 9,10,11,12
Track 9
Health Science Club 12
Best Buddies 9

Russel Blase-Jonas

Concert Band 9,10,11,12
March Band 9,10,11,12
Sci. Olympiad 10,11

Taylor Bacewic

FFA 9,10,11,12
F. Mentors 11,12
Pwdrpuff 9,10,11,12
Softball 9
Criminal Justice Club 11,12

Brian Bello

F. Mentors 11,12
Yearbook 12
Criminal Justice Club 11,12



Peyton Bobby

Art Club 9,10,11
Environ. Club 9,10,11,12
F. Mentors 11,12
NHS 12
SADD 9,10,11,12

Paul Bogdan

Computer 10,11,12

Victoria Boyer

Environ. Club 10
Pwdrpuff 10
Heath occ. Club 11

Krystal Brei

Science Club 11
Tennis 11



Alexandra Brizek

Choir 9,10,11,12
FCCLA 12
FEA 10
NHS 10,11,12
Pwdrpuff 11,12
Stuco 9,10,11,12



Kyle Brown

Concert Band 9,10,11,12

Environ. Club 9,10
Homecmg Ct. 12
Jazz Band 9,10,11,12
March Band 9,10,11,12
NHS 10,11,12
Pep Band 9,10,11,12
Hannahmae Buckmaster
Choir 9,10,11,12
Dance 12
Environ. Club 10,11,12
Fall Play 12
F. Mentors 11,12
For Lang Club 9,10,11,12
Homecmg Ct 12
Kolorgaurd 11,12
Pwdrpuff 10,12
Spring Play 10
SADD 10,11
Wintergaurd 10,11,12
Brian Burk
Class Officer 9
Manufacturing 12
STUCO 9



Sydney Capouch

F. Mentors 11
Pwdrpuff 9,10,11,12
SADD 9,10,11,12
STUCO 9,10,11,12
Tennis 9,10,11,12

Andrew Carter

Concert Band 9,10,11,12
March Band 9,10
Natalie Coldiron
For. Lang Club 11
NHS 11,12
Science Club 11
Softball 9

Gavin Coppage

Newspaper 10,11,12
Quil & Scrl 11,12



Haley Cox

Alton Curry
Computer 10,11,12
Football 9,10,11
BPA 12

Michael Curtis

Concert Band 9,10,11
March Band 9
Swimming 9,10,11,12

Eric Davis

Baseball 9
Criminal Justice 11

Tori DeKock

Cheerldng 9,10,11,12
FEA 12
Newspaper 11,12

STUCO 9,10

Celina DeVries

NHS 10,11,12
Orchestra 9,10,11,12
Super Bowl 9,10
Unites As One 9,10,11

Nick Deering

Baseball 9,10

Brandon Drenth

Baseball 9,10,11
Computer 10,11,12
Concert Band 9
Robotics 11

Gabby Dumont

Cheerldng 9
X Country 10,11
Environ. Club 11,12
Swimming 9,10,11
Track 9

Sara Dykstra

Pwdrpuff 11
Track 9,10
Yearbook 9,10
Radio/Tv 11,12

Alyssa Eger

Basketball 9,10,11,12
Environ. Club 11,12
F. Mentors 11,12
Pwdrpuff 11,12
Soccer 9,10
Track 9,10,11,12

James Elliott

Baseball 9,10
Basketball 9
Environ. Club 12
Football 9,10,12
FEA 9

Paige Epley

Computer 11,12
Brittany Ernst
Art Club 12
Engineering 11
Tennis 9,10

Autumn Fagenbaum

Anime 12
Art Club 9,10
Basketball 10
Environ. Club 9,10,11,12
F. Mentors 11,12
For. Lang Club 11,12
NHS 10,11,12
Sci. Olympiad 9,11,12

Brett Fase

Computer 12
Table Tennis 11,12
Tennis 11,12

Ivy Fase

Basketball 9
Pwdrpuff 10,12
Soccer 9
BPA 12

Kiley Ferris

Choir 9,10,11
Dance 9,10
F. Mentors 10,11
Soccer 9,10,11
Track 9,10

Health Science Club 12

Kevin Fisher

Football 9,10,11,12
Track 9,10,11

Senior Activities

Hailey Ford

Cheerldng 9,10
Crochet Club 11,12
F. Mentors 11,12
Golf 9,10
Softball 9,10,11,12
SADD 11,12
BPA 11,12

Nina Freund

Basketball 9,10,11,12
Pwdrpuff 9,10,11,12
Track 9,10,11,12
Criminal Justice Club 11,12

Cameron Fritts

Baseball 9,10,11,12
Engineering 9,10,11,12
F. Mentors 11,12
NHS 10,11,12
Pioneerz 10,11,12
Robotics 9,10,11,12
Tennis 9,10

Felicia Galusha

Environ. Club 9,10,11,12
Pwdrpuff 9,10,11
Ana Rodriguez
Crochet Club 11,12
F. Mentors 11
Health Science 11,12



Dakota Gibbons

F. Mentors 11,12
For. Lang Club 9,10
NHS 11,12
BPA 12
Tyler Gideon
Basketball 9
Computer 11,12
F. Mentors 11,12
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Ashley Gidley

Concert Band 9,10,11,12
Jazz Band 9
March Band 9,10,11,12
Health Occ. Club 12

Beatris Gomez

FCCLA 10
Pwdrpuff 11,12
Science Club 11
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BPA 11,12

Erin Gouwens

Art Club 11,12

Crochet Club 10,11,12
FCA 9,10,11,12
Golf 9,10,11,12
Pwdrpuff 12
Track 9,10,11,12



Leah Gouwens

X Country 12
Crochet Club 11,12
FCA 9,10,11,12
NHS 10,11,12
Robotics 12
Swimming 9,10,11,12
Track 9,10,11,12
Volleyball 9,10,11,12



Kayla Groen

Basketball 9,10,11
FCA 11,12
FFA 9,10,11,12
Golf 9,10,11,12
NHS 10,11,12
Pathfind/YA 10,11,12
United As One 10,11



Megan Groen

Basketball 9,10,11,12
Crochet Club 10,11,12
FCA 11,12
FFA 9,10,11,12
F. Mentors 12
NHS 10,11,12
Pathfind/YA 11,12
Tennis 9,10,11,12
Volleyball 9
BPA 12
Broadcasting 11,12

Cody Gronkiewicz

Art Club 9,10,11,12
Engineering 9,10,11,12
Football 9,10,11,12
Poets Society 12
Swimming 9
Wrestling 12

Nate Romero

Choir 9,10,11,12
Football 9
Improv 12
Spring Play 12

Taylor Hachlica

Cheerldng 11

Emily Hamstra

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Art Club 10,11
Environ. Club 9,10,11,12
Soccer 9,10,11,12
SADD 10,11,12

Sam Hamstra

Tennis 9,10

Tiffany Hansel

Newspaper 10,11
Best Buddies 9
BPA 12

Tabitha Hart

Choir 9,10,11,12
Pathfind/YA 9,10,11,12
Pwdrpuff 9,10,11,12
United As One 11,12



Klara Hausenfleck

Choir 9,10,11,12
F. Mentors 11,12
Homecmg Ct. 11,12
NHS 10,11,12
Swimming 9,10,11,12

Drew Havens

Orchestra 9,10,11,12
Robotics 1



Kyle Hawrot

Acad. Decath 12
Concert Band 9,10,11,12
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Orchestra 12
Robotics 9,10,11
Spell Bowl 12
Super Bowl 11
Table Tennis 11,12
Track 9

Ryan Henk

Concert Band 9,10,11
March Band 9,10,11
Newspaper 10



Casey Hennings

FEA 10,11
For. Lang Club 11,12
NHS 11,12
Poets Society 12
SHF 12
STUCO 9,10,11,12
BPA 11,12

Table Tennis 12

Chad Hill

Basketball 9,10,11,12
Choir 9
Engineering 10
Football 10
Soccer 9,11,12
Track 12

Alyssa Hoffman

F. Mentors 11,12
NHS 10,11,12
SADD 12

Volleyball 9,10,11,12

Brandon Hoffman

Basketball 9,10



Faith Hoffman

Concert Band 9,10,11,12
Orchestra 10,11
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Swimming 9,10,11,12
Track 9,10,11,12
Pep Band 9,10,11,12

Kaitlyn Hoffman

Choir 9,10,12
FFA 9

Pwdrpuff 9,10

Kelsie Howe

Choir 9,10,11,12
Pwdrpuff 10

Wrestling Manager

Isabel Infante

Dance 9,10
Volleyball 9,10

Amber James

Art Club 11,12
Crochet Club 11
Environ. Club 11,12
NHS 11,12
Science Club 11
SADD 11

Vanessa Jerzyk

Basketball 9
Pwdrpuff 9,10
Criminal Justice Club 11,12

Julia Johnson

Art Club 9,10,11,12

Noah Johnson

Concert Band 9,10,11,12
Jazz Band 9,10,11,12
March Band 10,11,12

Pathfind/YA 12

Table Tennis 11

Jenna Junels

Art Club 9,10,11,12
Crochet Club 11,12
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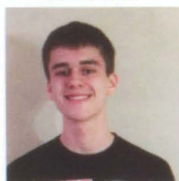
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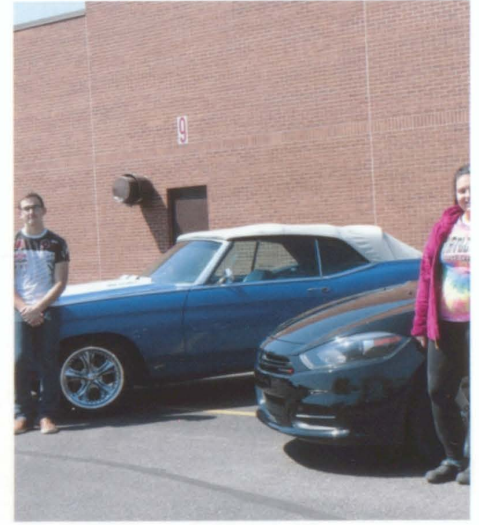
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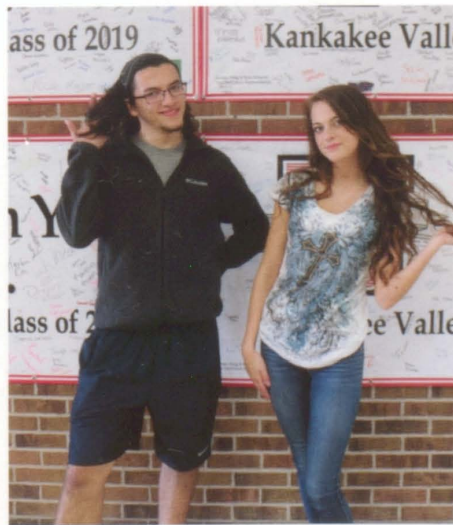
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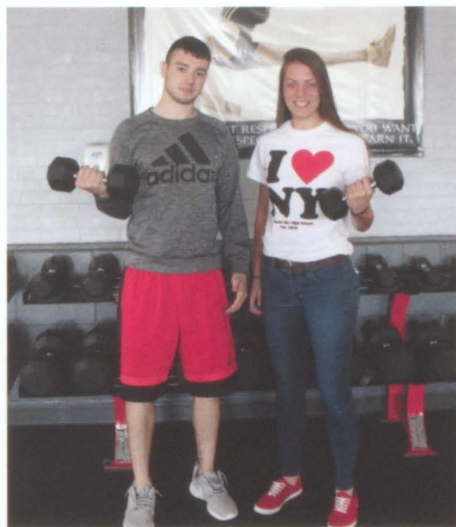
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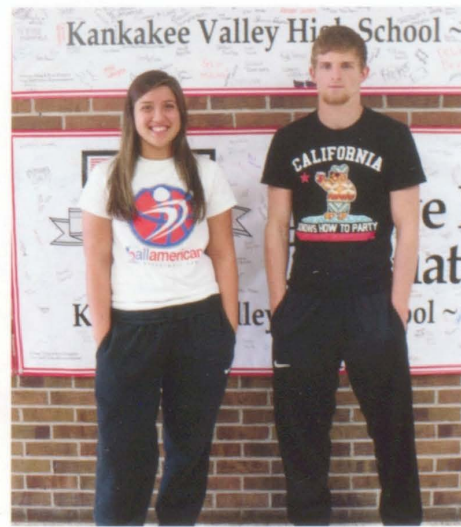
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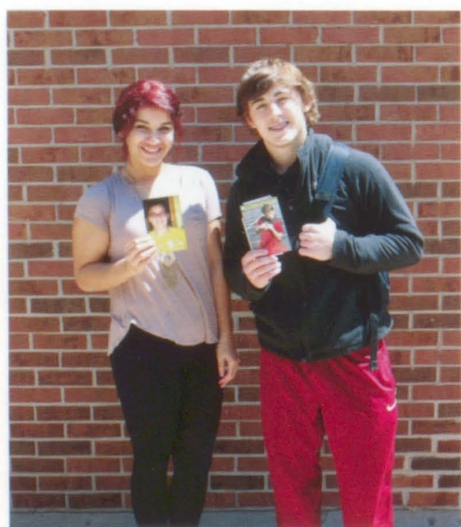
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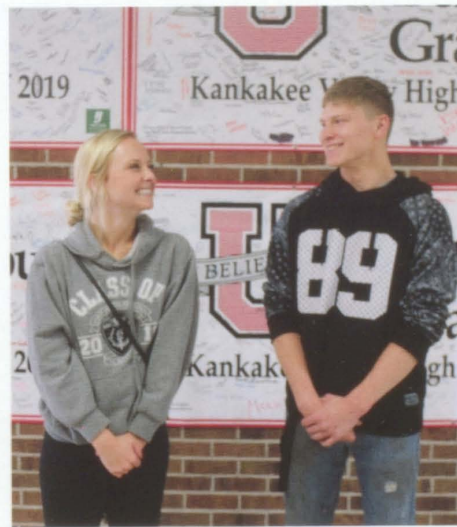
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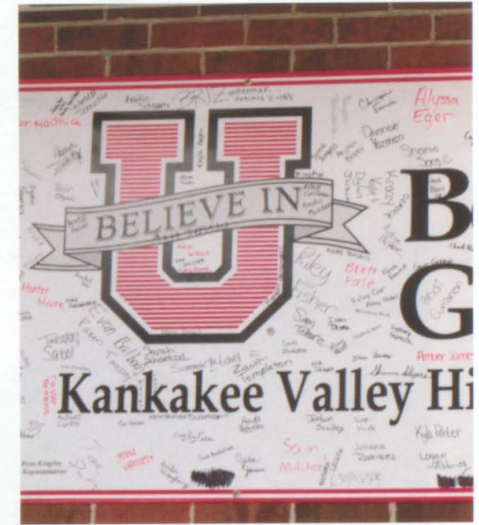
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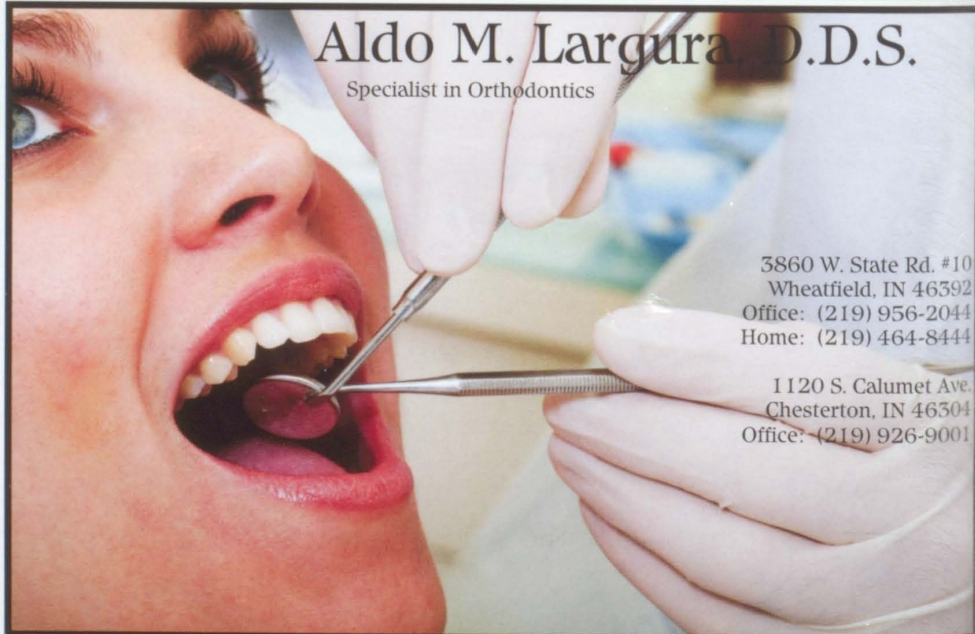




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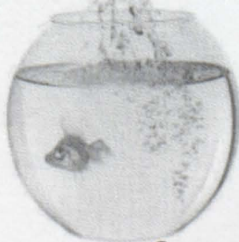
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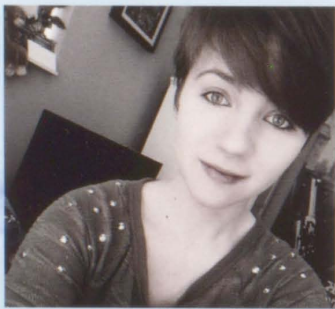
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[If I could choose my middle name I would make sure it starts with a U. -Cynthia]



[I've made a lot of mistakes, but none more than those you can look back upon in these last 3 books. -Jessica]



[Speak French to me. -Katelyn]



[Everyone gets 5.7 Kisses. -Ashur]



[If I survived yearbook, I could of survived World War II. - Katlyn]



[My Water Boots. -Jessica]



[*Mrs. Deulley to Faith* Your hair looks shiny! *Faith to Mrs. Deulley* Yeah that's called shampoo and conditioner.]



[I'm sorry, what was that?
Work for other classes?
There is only one class you
need to worry about:
YEARBOOK! - Mrs. Deulley]



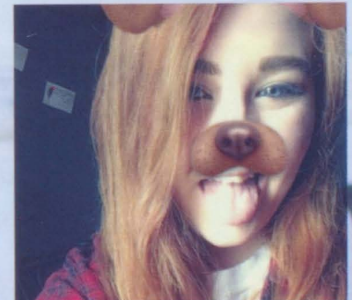
[Emily Allen, let's get it. . .
WHADDUP BOIIII - Emily]



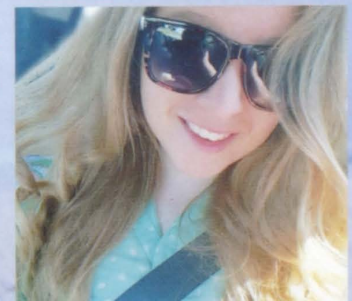
[I don't care...It's free
chapstick. -Ashur]



[*Cynthia asks a question
about yearbook* Wow, we
were having such a good
time until you brought up
yearbook. - Mikayla]



[You have a shirt that makes
you look like a can of Arizona
tea. -Katelyn to Maris]



[I never thought I'd worry
more about yearbook than
chemistry. -Ana]



[Don't take yearbook they
said. It's hard they said.
Welp, not listening is my
special skill. -Sam]



1. Duct This! Vice Principal, Michelle Meadows, is duct taped to the wall by other faculty members and students to raise money for BPA club. Photo By: C. Martinez
2. Gotta Work it Out Sophomore Derek Smundin works keep the stack cookies on his forehead from falling. Photo By: M. Collins
3. Viva La France! Junior Kailynn Blumer holds up a flag of the Eiffel Tower that the french students made to celebrate National French Week.



Colophon

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Pride's 200 pages were printed in full color on 100 pound bordeaux special gloss paper. All body copy and caption lead was set to 10pt AHJ News Gothic Book type font. Captions was set in 8pt AHJ News Gothic Book Light type font. Headlines were 48 pt AHJ News Gothic Book Medium type font. Pride was online published using HJ eDesign on LED Technology Acer and Dell Computers.

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This book was produced by high school journalism students. In spite of numerous proof readings by the students, section editors, head editors, and the advisor, and the administrators, there may be some errors, none of which were intentional.



4. Dancing the Night

Away Junior Anna Byrom smiles while enjoyin dancing at prom. Photo By: E. Evans

5. Dance Like there's

No Tomorrow! Junior Julianna Phelps dances with friends at the Riley's Night fundraiser.

Photo By: E. Evans

6. Just Let Loose!

Sophomore Monzerrat Reyes poses while enjoying hanging out during a football game.

Photo By: J. McLean



7. Dodging the Ball Junior Shawn Scholl jumps high into the air, making sure to dodge the ball at the Dodgeball tournament put together by Student Council.

Photo By: E. Evans

8. Friends Who Laugh Together, Stay Together. Sophomores Haley Carter and Emma Fase joke around togher before their big PowderPuff game against the seniors.

Photo By: J. McLean



Lighting the Night Sky New principal Mr. Spagna made sure to keep the tradition of lighting fireworks alive. This event is always looked forward to by both the students and the community alike, when they gather together at the fall homecoming game.



Live [IN]ST[AN]T

"Dying to Live"

by Anonymous

At first I was dying to grow up and go to high school
Then I was dying to finish high school and go to college
Then I was dying to finish college and start working
Then I was dying to get married and have children
Then I was dying for my children to grow old enough so I can go back to work
Then I was dying to retire
And now I am dying
And I suddenly realized
I forgot to live...

Live [IN]ST[AN]T: Live in an instant.

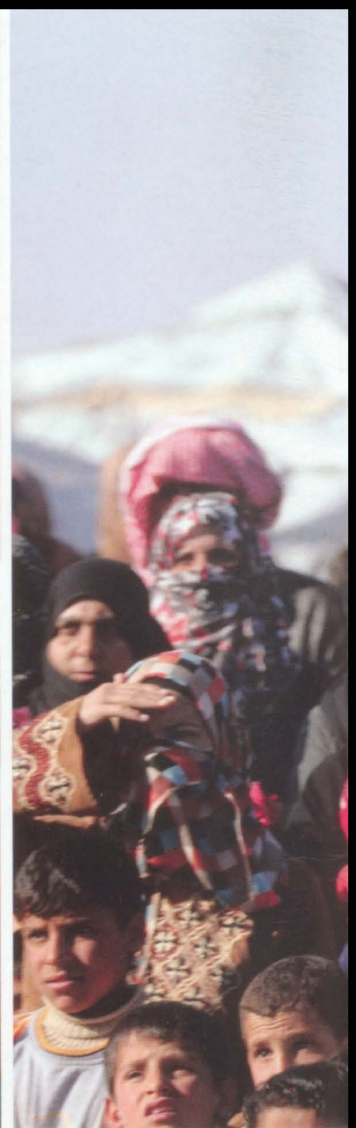
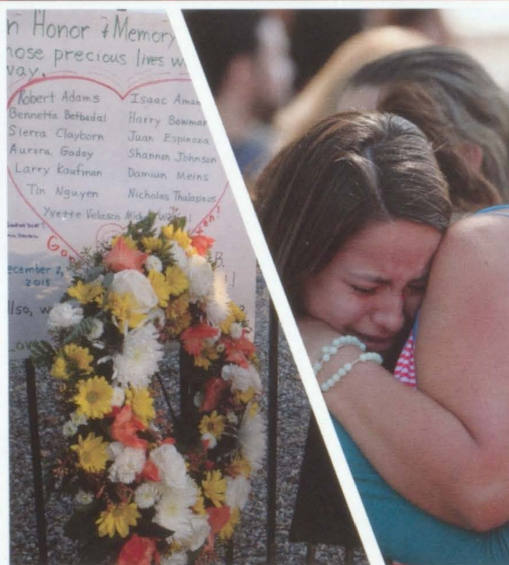


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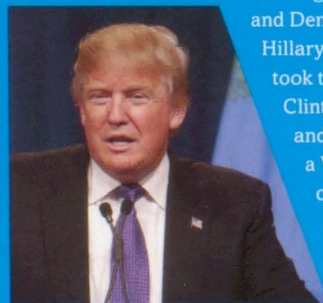
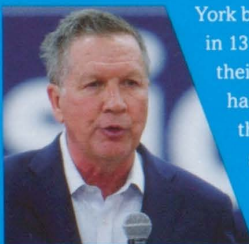
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WORLD YEARBOOK

PILLARS OF CREATION In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Hubble space telescope, scientists captured a more recent image of Eagle Nebula's iconic sight of cold gas lit up by stars.



GUN RIGHTS VS GUN CONTROL Debates continued, deaths mounted and protests focused continued attention on the issue. With many mass shootings and a single-day record of 185,345 background checks for prospective gun buyers on Black Friday, the topic was ever-present. **MAJOR INCIDENTS** Mass shootings at a state-run developmental facility in San Bernadino, CA; a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs; a community college in Roseburg, OR; military centers in Chattanooga, TN and a Charleston, SC church were deadly. **#BLACKLIVESMATTER** Because additional high-profile cases involving police-related deaths occurred, protests and debate about law enforcement and race relations continued.



IN THE MIX While a nomination would not be official until after the RNC in Cleveland in July, 2016, five Republican candidates remained active throughout the primary season. Ben Carson, a Maryland surgeon; Texas senator Ted Cruz; Ohio governor John Kasich; Florida senator Marco Rubio and New York businessman Donald Trump met in 13 debates and seven forums to make their ideas known. Ten other candidates had filed, but withdrew sometime before the first caucuses in Iowa and another seven left the race as primaries heated up.

LESS CROWDED FIELD Maryland governor Martin O'Malley left the race following the Iowa caucus in January and Democratic presidential contenders Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders took turns "winning" states early on. Clinton, the former Secretary of State and New York senator, and Sanders, a Vermont senator, would continue to contest each other in primaries through the spring. The Democratic National Convention was scheduled for July, 2016 in Philadelphia.



EQUAL DIGNITY Just a month after the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that states cannot keep same-sex couples from marrying and must recognize their unions, the Boy Scouts of America lifted its ban on openly gay adults as scout leaders. **AVIAN FLU** A severe outbreak crippled the domestic egg and poultry industries, affecting nearly 50 million birds, creating shortages and causing record-high prices.



REACTION & ACTION

THE CONTENTIOUS DEBATE SURROUNDING SYRIAN REFUGEES AND THEIR ACCEPTANCE IN THE US CONTINUED, WITH 31 STATES REJECTING THE IDEA.

In September, the Obama administration announced plans to increase the number of worldwide refugees accepted into the United States each year from 70,000 to 85,000 in 2016 and by another 15,000 in 2017. According to Secretary of State John Kerry, this step “is in keeping with the best tradition of America as a land of second chances and a beacon of hope.” Other world leaders also announced aid for the estimated 4.5 million Syrians who have fled their homeland since the civil war there began in 2011; Canada, France and Germany revealed plans to resettle families who continue to flee Syria — where healthcare, education systems, and other infrastructure have been destroyed and the economy is shattered.

faces in the news

COALITION AGAINST ISIS Retired Marine General John Allen, who served as Special Envoy to Iran and Syria and led the fight against the terrorist group, stepped down in November, citing his wife’s health issues.

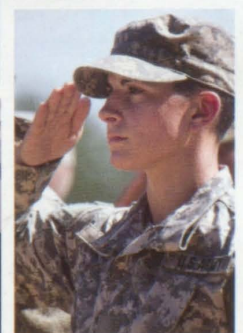
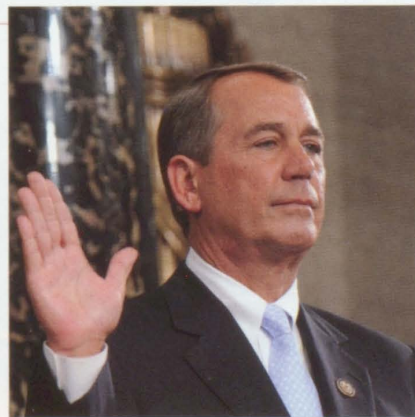
EARLY DEPARTURE Speaker of the House John Boehner left his position in October, vacating to avoid continued in-party tensions.

NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL Loretta Lynch, the country’s first African-American woman to serve in the role, was sworn in after five months of confirmation hearings.

FEMALE RANGERS 1st Lt. Shaye Haver and Capt. Kristen Griest became the first women ever to successfully complete the U.S. Army’s Ranger School — which puts a premium on physical strength and endurance.

XI JINPING VISITS After hosting Obama last year, the president of China traveled to Washington D.C. for continued negotiations.

TESTING CAP Ruling that less than 2% of all learning time could be used for testing, new legislation attempted to “reduce over-testing” in schools.



FAR & AWAY

"WHEN TRAGEDY STRUCK THAT
EVENING, OUR HEARTS BROKE, TOO."
-PRESIDENT OBAMA

November 13 was a devastating evening for the entire world as tragedy struck in Paris, France. A series of carefully orchestrated attacks took place in the City of Love and its Northern suburb, Saint-Denis. Suicide bombings and mass shootings in the streets, restaurants, a concert hall and the Stade de France ensued; a final count of 130 people were killed, and hundreds of others injured. French President François Hollande quickly declared a state of emergency and French government tightened border controls. The attacks subsequently heightened terror alerts worldwide, as militant group ISIS claimed responsibility, releasing propaganda videos threatening forthcoming attacks in other parts of the world. Thereafter the French military conducted a series of airstrikes on Syria. Nearly a week later, ringleader of the attacks, Abdelhamid Abaaoud was tracked down and killed in a dramatic raid. Support worldwide was extended and a stronger fight against ISIS was collectively at the forefront.



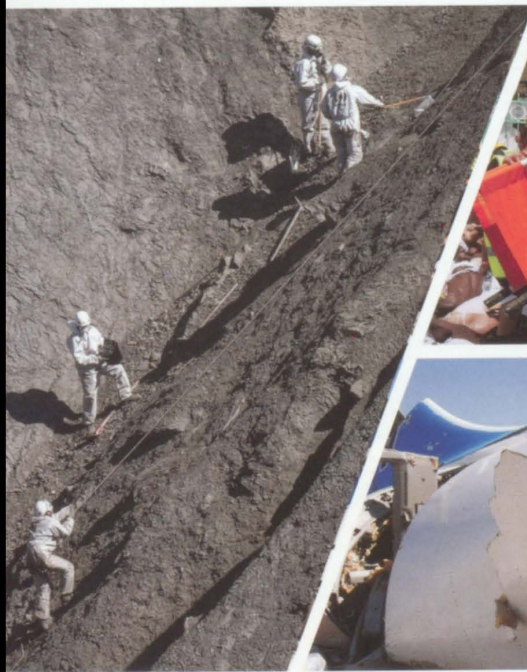
TWIN SUICIDE BOMBINGS The deadliest attack on Turkish soil killed more than 90 individuals during a peace march in the capital of Ankara, nearly three weeks before national elections. The two bombs detonated seconds apart and were thought to target a rally of pro-Kurdish activists. ISIS didn't claim responsibility but did remain a prime suspect. **GREECE BAILOUT** The country, whose debt crisis began in 2010, received their third bailout in five years. Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras resigned, called for new elections following the 86 billion euro bailout and, again, was sworn in as Greece's leader on September 21. **PACIFIC TRADE DEAL** The Trans-Pacific Partnership involved 12 countries and aimed to strengthen economic ties, lessen tariffs, encourage growth and potentially create a single market like that of the EU.

POPE FRANCIS' HISTORIC VISIT The Argentine-born Pope journeyed to the United States for the first time in September. His stay lasted six days as he extended his love for the less fortunate and manifested his concern for helping the nation with their most pressing political, economic and social challenges. He even visited New York where a religious service was hosted at Ground Zero.

TRIO OF HEROES Three American men, Airman First Class Spencer Stone, Oregon National Guard Specialist Alek Skarlatos and college senior Anthony Sadler, aboard a train from Amsterdam to Paris, rushed and stopped a man who boarded with an AK-47 and a handgun. Two, including Stone, were shot but no one was killed, and a potential massacre was prevented thanks to the men's heroic acts.

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE Kate Middleton and Prince William welcomed their second child and first daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth Diana on May 2, 2016. Charlotte automatically became fourth in line to the British throne behind Prince Charles, William and George of Cambridge.

...I SHALL ERASE YOU FROM



GERMAN AIRBUS CRASH Germanwings A320 crashed into the French Alps in March killing all 150 passengers onboard. The investigation was ongoing, but it was clear that Captain Patrick Sonderheimer left the cockpit for unknown reasons and co-pilot Andreas Lubitz did not respond to his knocks on the cockpit door as he tried to return; the plane's tragic and drastic descent began simultaneously.

HAJJ STAMPEDE More than 2,100 people were trampled and killed in Saudi Arabia near a holy site during the hajj, an annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, after two enormous waves of Muslim pilgrims collided. The 5-day religious journey is required of all Muslims at least once in their lifetime, and drew nearly 2 million pilgrims from more than 180 countries in 2015.

METROJET FLIGHT 9268 Militant group ISIS released a statement claiming responsibility for the Russian plane that crashed over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula on October 31, killing 224 passengers on board. ISIS later published a photo in their online magazine *Dabiq* of the supposed bomb that caused the crash: a soda can pictured with two simple additional components that would have been the detonator and a switch.



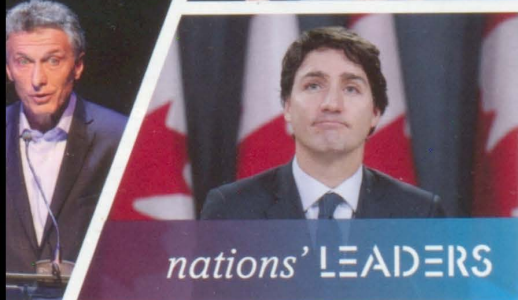
QUEEN ELIZABETH II In September, Her Majesty became the longest-reigning monarch in 1,000 years of British history, surpassing her great, great grandmother Queen Victoria.

MALCOLM TURNBULL Australia's 29th elected Prime Minister defeated Tony Abbott and promised a 'thoroughly liberal government.'

MAURICIO MACRI Elected as Argentina's president in December, he was the first democratically-elected, non-radical or Peronist president since 1916.

JUSTIN TRUDEAU Canada elected this teacher their new Prime Minister. His father, Pierre Trudeau, filled the office twice.

EL CHAPO Joaquín Guzmán Loera, Mexico's most-wanted drug lord, was arrested after escaping for a second time through a tunnel in his cell of a maximum security prison. A United States extradition process was initiated.



nations' LEADERS





TRENDS & TALK

THE YEAR'S "TABLE TALK" OFTEN TURNED TO THE FOOD INDUSTRY'S HIGHS AND LOWS.

UNCONVENTIONAL SALMON The first genetically modified animal for human consumption was approved in November. AquaBounty Technologies was behind the innovative salmon that they claimed would be just as safe as farm-raised fish, but would grow faster and in half the time. **MICKEY D'S POSITIVITY** The fast food chain gained publicity after launching (a very successful) all-day breakfast menu; momentum continued as they announced a campaign to benefit refugees, and were in the news yet again when a pay-it-forward chain of 250 customers began in a Florida drive-through during the holidays. **NUMERO UNO** At risk of demolition, Taco Bell's first 1962 store was moved 45 miles from its Downey, CA location to company headquarters in Irvine, CA. Meanwhile, the chain opened its first store in Tokyo, making it only the second location in Japan. **NO MORE TRANS FAT** In June, the FDA gave the food industry a deadline of three years to completely rid foods of trans fats, a leading cause of heart disease in the United States. **#RAINCHECK** Chipotle's reputation suffered after E. coli, Salmonella and Norovirus outbreaks were all linked to the restaurant in separate areas of the US. In an effort to regain trust, they held company-wide food safety meetings during lunch hours on February 8; shortly after, the chain offered free burritos to those who texted "RainCheck" to 888222 for the inconvenience.

SOCIAL MEDIA'S EVER-EXPANDING INFLUENCE

On average there were 400 million monthly Instagram users in 2015, and the social media app began leaving its mark in very permanent ways: as baby names. Amaro, Reyes, Hudson, Ludwig and Kelvin appeared more often, as well as Lux, which rose 75% on the list of popular boy names, compared to last year's list. Filter names used for girls: Valencia, Willow and Juno.



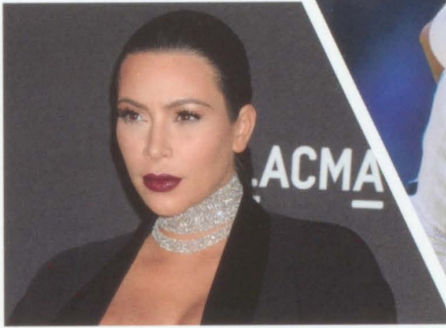
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#RAINCHECK

“I taught @CameronNewton everything he knows. #SuperBowl”
-BETTY WHITE

THE DAB The latest dance craze (there's always one) was born within Atlanta's hip-hop culture, but really hit the mainstream when the Carolina Panther's quarterback Cam Newton introduced celebratory Dabs after touchdowns. The media caught Betty White, Mississippi State's Dak Prescott, and Victoria Azrenka all doing the Dab.



MOST POPULAR Taylor Swift's 65.9 million Instagram followers topped Kim Kardashian and Beyonce by millions.



DISLIKE BUTTON Facebook announced a new "dislike" option in October without a release date. **PERISCOPE** Apple named the live-streaming video app "App of the Year."

WORD OF THE YEAR Oxford gave the annual title to the crying-laughing emoji.

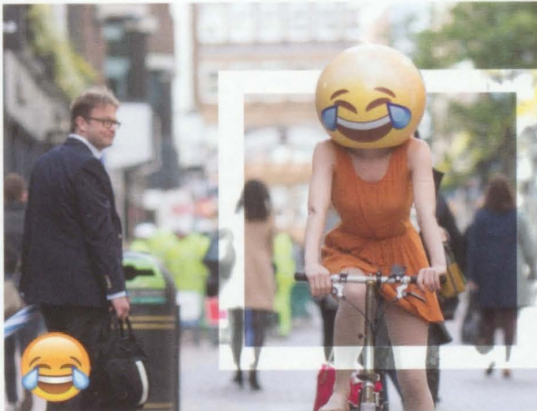
HOVERBOARDS The popular device often malfunctioned and was banned on streets and airplanes.

TESLA The electric car company introduced a battery for efficient home energy.

APPLE The tech giants worked on an electric car with a target ship date of 2019.

VOLKSWAGEN The company was fined billions for cheating on emissions tests; shortly after, the VW CEO resigned.

DRONE DELIVERY Amazon, WalMart and Google considered drone delivery service, though federal regulations were a large obstacle.



DISCOVERY & IMPACT

MOTHER NATURE REMAINED UNFORESEEABLE AND SCIENCE, UNDENIABLY AWE-STRIKING.

Amidst all of Mother Nature's mood swings — floods, fires and earthquakes — she and the world of science made sure to leave their mark on the year. When scientists announced there was flowing water on Mars, it gave rise to a question that has long been considered: Does life exist beyond Earth? The watery flow was confirmed by dark streaks that patterned the surface during Martian spring and summer months. Whether or not life could be supported was impossible to determine, and would depend on how briny the water was and how cold the conditions were. Regardless, the discovery reopened doors for NASA researchers to further investigate potential life on Mars.

HURRICANE PATRICIA In October, a Category 5 hurricane near Mexico's Pacific coast was the strongest ever recorded in the Western Hemisphere, with maximum wind speeds of 215 mph. **SOUTH CAROLINA FLOODS** The state dealt with more than two feet of rain in October, resulting in thousands of power outages, 17 deaths, several failed dams and an estimated \$1 billion in damages. **EL NIÑO** The second of two back-to-back warmest years recorded was due to an unusually strong El Niño in the Pacific Ocean and ongoing global warming. **CALIFORNIA BLAZES** In September, more than 1,000 homes were destroyed from two massive and relentless wildfires in Northern California. **DENALI** President Obama renamed Mount McKinley Denali in an effort to keep his 2008 campaign promise of improving relations between the government and existing Native American tribes.





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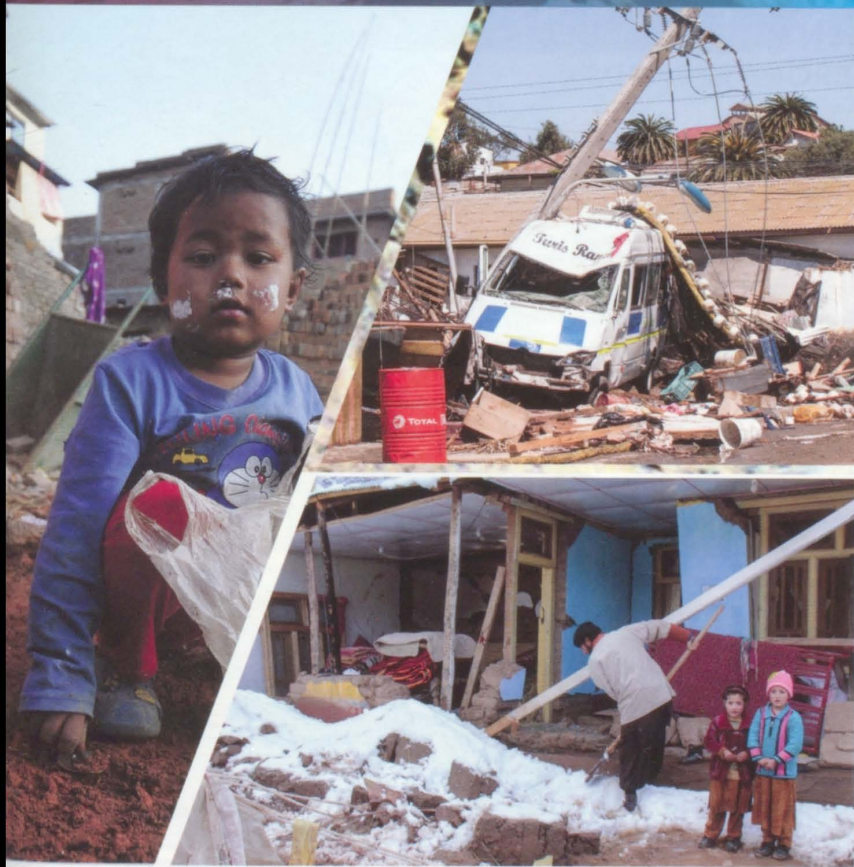
NEW HUMAN LINEAGE

Homo naledi, a previously unidentified species of human lineage, was found in the Rising Star Cave in South Africa in September and was part of one of the largest samples of hominin species ever found.

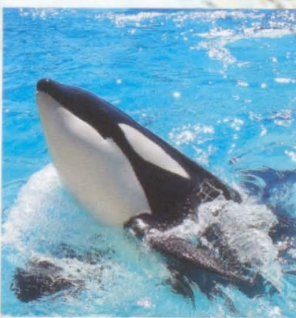
PEACE PRIZE The prestigious award in medicine went to three: William Campbell and Satoshi Omura for their efforts against ringworm and Youyou Tu, for her research in creating a drug that would effectively tackle malaria. **#EMPTYTHETANKS**

With an existing badly damaged reputation, SeaWorld announced that it would end its theatrical orca shows in San Diego by the end of 2016. To make matters worse, an 18-year-old orca died of a fungal infection at the San Antonio location in December.

CECIL THE LION A beloved male lion living in the Hwange Game Reserve in Zimbabwe was shot and killed for sport by Walter Palmer, an American dentist and big game hunter. The big cat was lured out of the sanctuary when killed, and worldwide protests followed. However, Zimbabwe decided not to press charges.



POWERFUL BLOWS FROM NATURE Earthquakes shook areas of Afghanistan/Pakistan in October, Nepal in late April and Chile in September. The 7.5 magnitude quake in Pakistan led to nearly 400 deaths when it originated more than 200 kilometers below Earth's surface. The 7.8 magnitude tremor devastated Nepal with more than 8,800 deaths and 3.5 million citizens in need of assistance. Chile's 8.3 magnitude quake was nearly five times stronger than Nepal's, but caused an estimated 10 deaths, one million evacuations, tsunami alerts and hundreds of aftershocks.





CINEMATIC & ENGAGING

BIG-NAME STARS AND SILVER SCREEN HITS MADE HEADLINES AND BROKE RECORDS.



MINIONS The *Despicable Me* characters starred in their very own movie which raked in \$336 million at the box office.

STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS The seventh edition of the legendary series broke many records and became the highest grossing domestic film of all time with \$917 million.

JURASSIC WORLD The fourth Jurassic film became the second highest grossing film of the year with \$652 million in box office revenue. **FURIOUS 7** Fans flocked to theaters to bid a final farewell to the late Paul Walker; the film earned \$350 million.

THE AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON The sequel to the 2012 *Avengers* film was the third highest grossing film of the year with \$459 million at the box office. **VIOLA DAVIS**

The *How to Get Away With Murder* star became the first black woman to win an Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama.

AMY SCHUMER The comedian starred in the movie *Trainwreck*, won an Emmy for *Inside Amy Schumer* and hosted *Saturday Night Live*. **ANDY SAMBURG** The Emmy host gave viewers his HBO Now password during the awards ceremony.

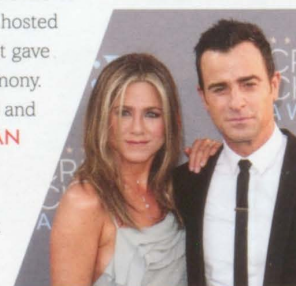
THANK YOU & GOODNIGHT David Letterman retired and said goodbye to *Late Show* fans in May, 2015. **THE MARTIAN**

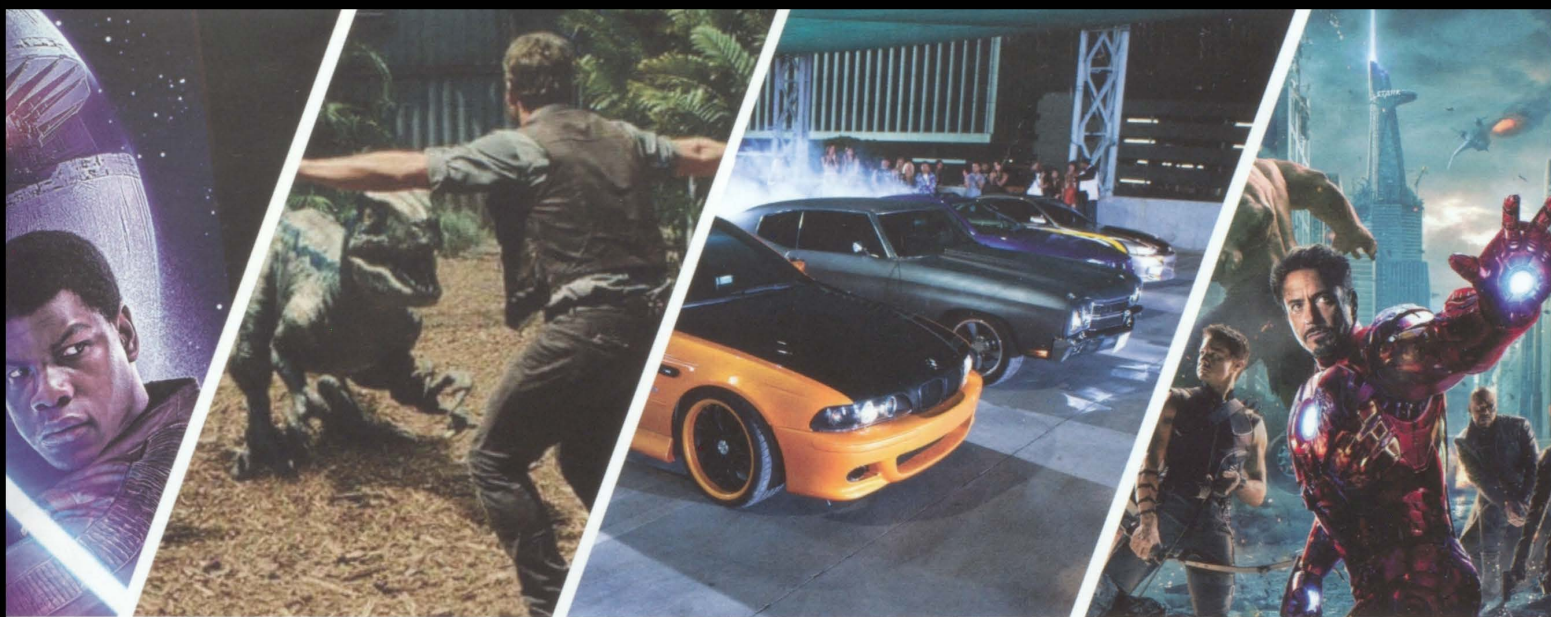
The Golden Globe for Best Comedy was presented to the film and its star Matt Damon for Best Actor (Comedy). **JEN ANISTON WED**

The actress and Justin Theroux tied the knot in a private Bel Air ceremony in August, 2015. **GAME OF THRONES**

The show won more Emmy awards in a year than any other television show ever. **ELLEN** The daytime television host won the People's Choice Humanitarian award, and designated her winnings to St. Jude Children's Hospital. **THE DAILY SHOW**

Though long-time host Jon Stewart departed in August, the show won an Emmy for Outstanding Variety Talk Show. **INSIDE OUT** The animated movie earned \$356 million domestically and won an Oscar for Animated Feature Film.





SPOTLIGHT The film, based on a true story, starring Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton and Rachel McAdams won the Oscar awards for Best Picture and Best Writing (Original Screenplay).



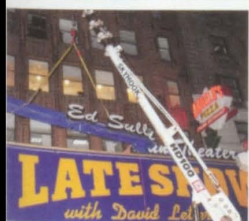
MAX: FURY ROAD The postapocalyptic-themed film, starring Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron and Nicholas Hoult won the most Academy Awards of the night including Costume Design, Film Editing, Make Up and Hairstyling, Production Design, Sound Editing and Sound Mixing.



ROOM Brie Larson, who played Jack's mother in the film in which the two escape the only surroundings the boy had ever known, won a Golden Globe award for Best Actress (Drama) and the Oscar for Best Actress in a Leading Role. **THE REVENANT** The movie earned Best Drama at the Golden Globes and Oscars for Cinematography and Directing. Lead actor Leonardo DiCaprio won Best Actor (Drama) at the Golden Globes and his first Oscar for Best Actor in a Leading Role for his performance in the film.

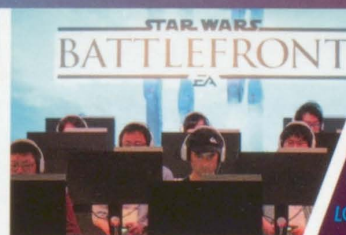


THE OSCARS



top five games 2015

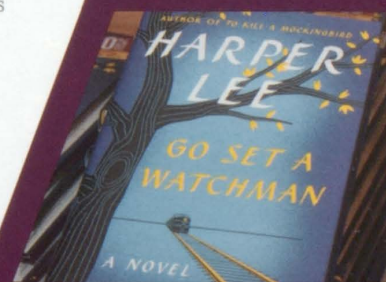
*Top sales according to Fortune.com



CALL OF DUTY: BLACK OPS 3
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STAR WARS BATTLEFRONT
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BOOKS



GO SET A WATCHMAN Harper Lee's second novel — actually a prequel to *To Kill a Mockingbird* — was published in July, 2015; Lee died seven months later at the age of 89.

THE 5TH WAVE by Rick Yancey

PAPER TOWNS by John Green

LOOKING FOR ALASKA by John Green

ME AND EARL AND THE DYING GIRL by Jesse Andrews

THE BOOK THIEF by Markus Zusak

*New York Time's top-selling YA paperbacks



ED SHEERAN His single *Thinking Out Loud* earned him Song of the Year and Best Pop Solo Performance at the Grammys. **COUNTRY MUSIC'S BEST** Sam Hunt took home an ACM award for New Artist of the Year, and Miranda Lambert earned CMA's Female Vocalist of the Year for the sixth consecutive year. Luke Bryan was chosen as Entertainer of the Year at both the CMA and ACM awards. **TAYLOR SWIFT** The star's success simply didn't slow down. She won awards including VMA's Video of the Year (*Bad Blood*), Best Female Video and Best Pop Video for *Blank Space*, the *Billboard* Music Award for Top Female Artist and *Billboard* Top 200 Album, as well as the coveted Grammy for the Album of the Year.

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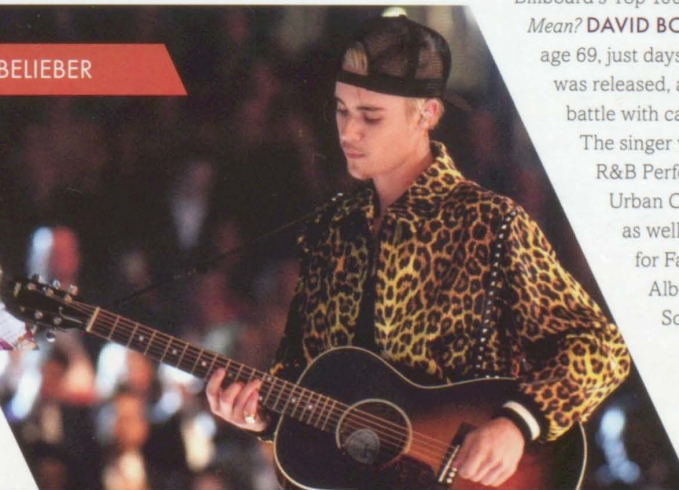




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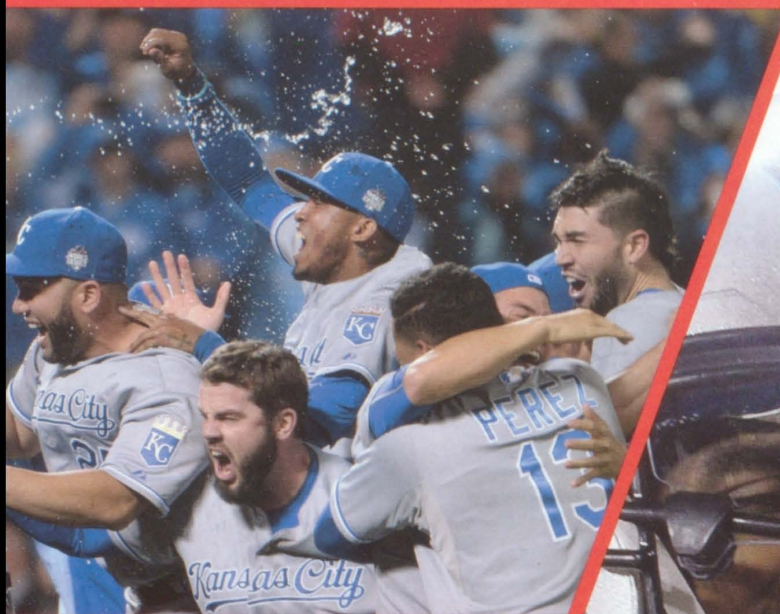
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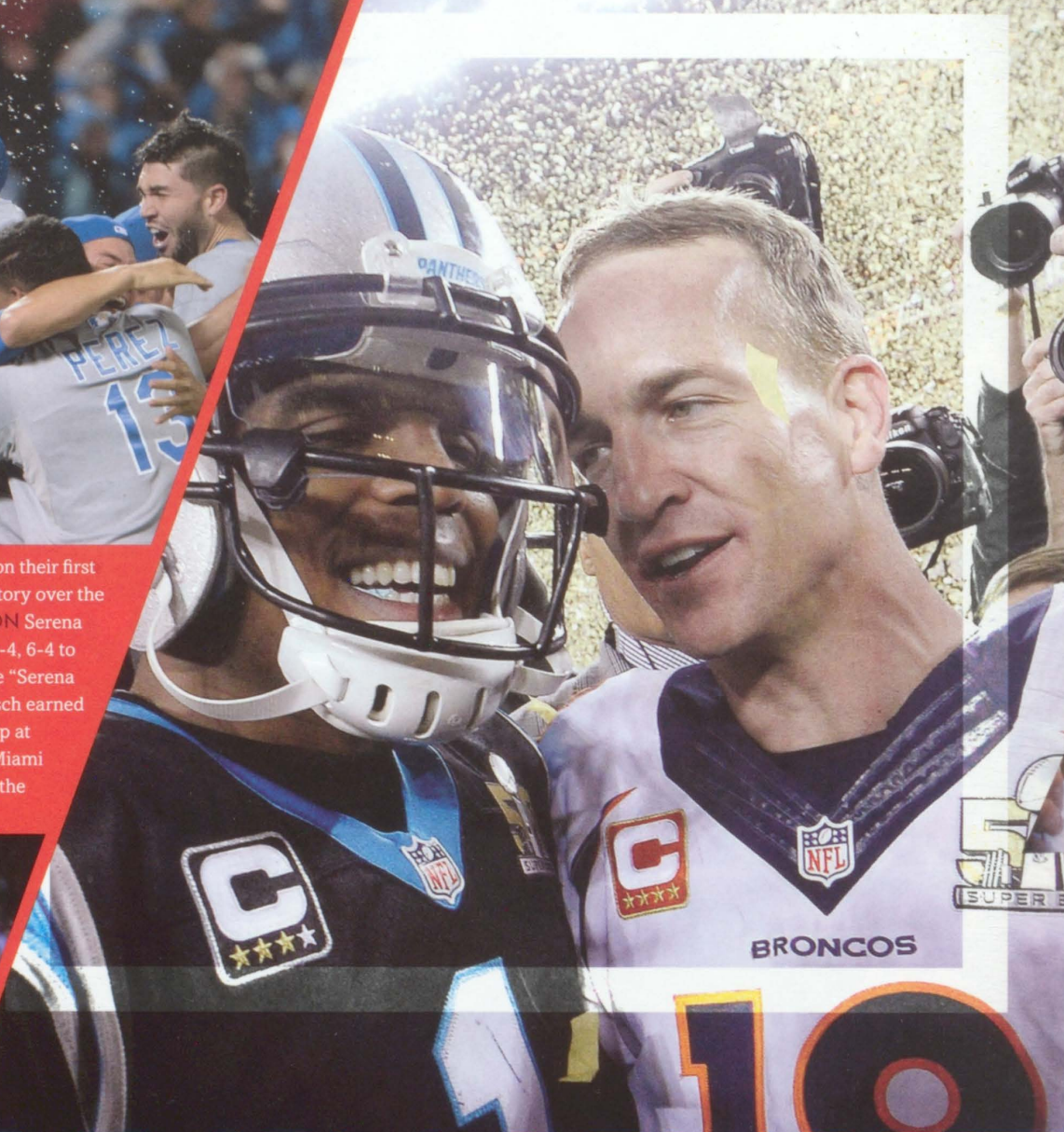
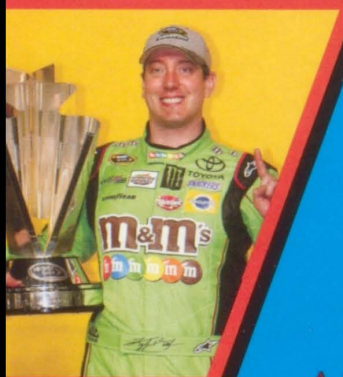
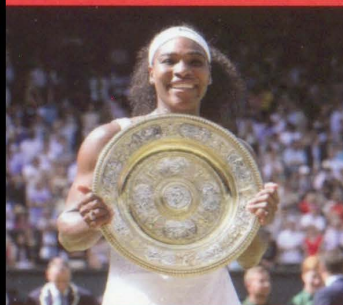
TALENT & FAME

WHITE-HOT MUSICIANS EARNED WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION.

SUPERBOWL 50 Coldplay, Beyoncé and Bruno Mars collaborated to entertain nearly 112 million viewers who tuned in. **ADELE** The singer trumped *NSYNC for most records sold in a week with her album *25*. **ONE DIRECTION** The band won Favorite Group and Artist of the Year at the AMAs, although without breakaway member, Zayn Malik. **KENDRICK LAMAR** The rapper won Grammys for Best Rap Performance and Best Rap Song for *Alright*, Best Rap Collaboration for *These Walls* and Best Rap Album for *To Pimp a Butterfly*. **BIEBER** The 21-year-old scored his first #1 hit on Billboard's Top 100 with *What Do You Mean?* **DAVID BOWIE** The artist died at age 69, just days before his last album was released, after an 18-month-long battle with cancer. **THE WEEKND** The singer won Grammys for Best R&B Performance and Best Urban Contemporary Album, as well as two AMA awards for Favorite Soul/R&B Album and Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist.



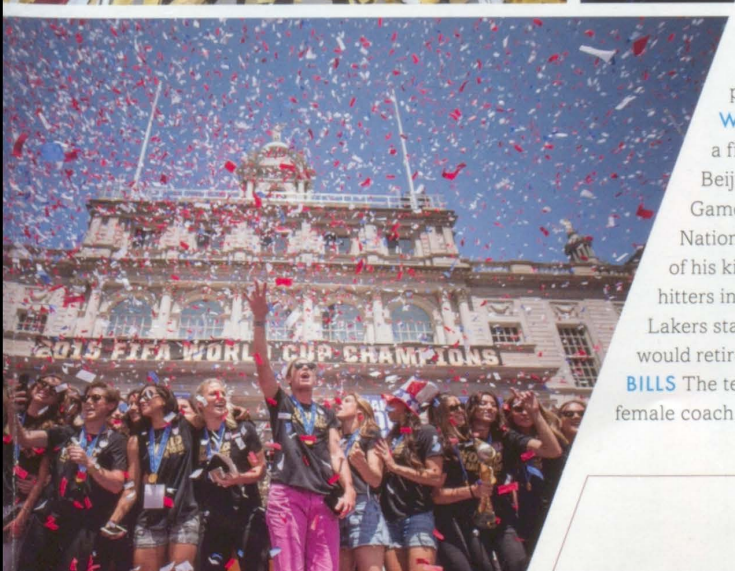
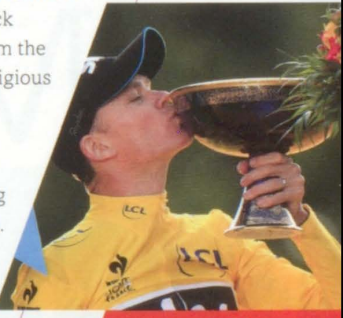
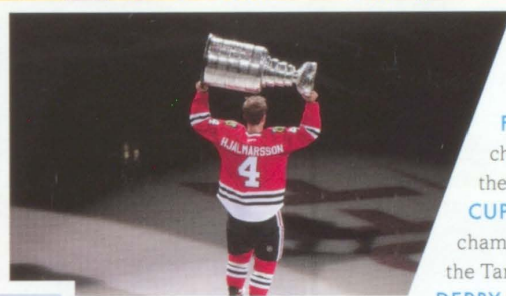
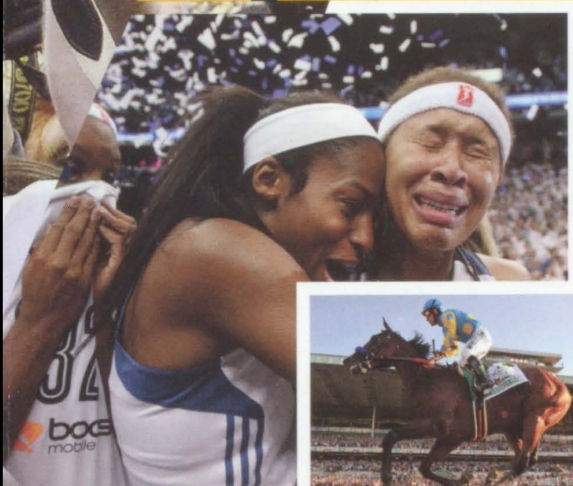
WORLD SERIES Kansas City Royals won their first championship since 1985 with a 7-2 victory over the New York Mets in Game 5. **WIMBLEDON** Serena Williams defeated Garbine Muguruza 6-4, 6-4 to win four straight majors, completing the "Serena Slam." **NASCAR SPRINT CUP** Kyle Busch earned his first Sprint-Cup Series Championship at the Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway, leading 41 laps — including the last seven — of the 267-lap race.



DEXTERITY & GLORY

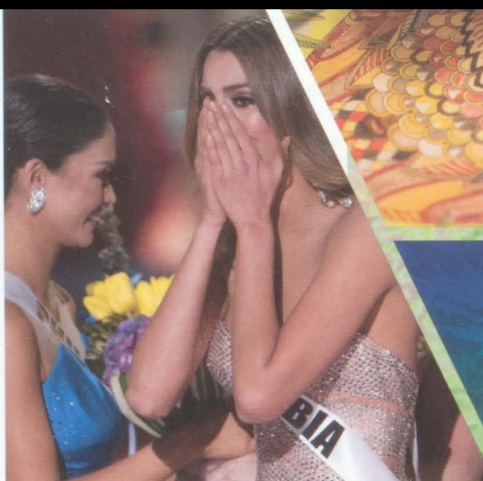
A HIGHLY ANTICIPATED GAME FOR FOLLOWERS OF TOP-RECORD CAROLINA PANTHERS AND FANS OF PEYTON MANNING AND HIS BRONCOS

Super Bowl 50, held in Santa Clara, California hosted the NFC Champion Carolina Panthers versus the AFC Champion Denver Broncos on February 7. Ultimately, the Broncos defeated the Panthers 24-10 to earn their third Super Bowl title. Panther quarterback Cam Newton won the league's MVP honor, while Peyton Manning earned a second Super Bowl crown. The game's MVP was Denver outside linebacker Von Miller, Jr.



2015 NBA FINALS The Golden State Warriors defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 6 with a 105-97 win. **WNBA FINALS** The Minnesota Lynx took the 2015 championship title with a 69-52 win over the Indiana Fever in Game 5. **STANLEY CUP** The Chicago Blackhawks won a third championship in six years after defeating the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0. **KENTUCKY DERBY** The first Triple Crown Winner since 1978, American Pharoah won the race with jockey Victor Espinoza, who claimed his third and second-in-a row victory. **US WOMEN'S OPEN** South Korean In Gee Chun shot a 66 and won the championship over Amy Yang in her first-ever Women's Open appearance. **BCS CHAMPIONSHIP** The No. 2 Alabama Crimson Tide defeated the No. 1 Clemson Tigers with a 45-40 victory to clinch the BCS title. The victory was head coach Nick Saban's fifth championship win. **HEISMAN TROPHY** Junior running back Derrick Henry became the second winner from the University of Alabama to win the prestigious award. **THE FIGHT OF THE CENTURY** Floyd Mayweather won the professional boxing match against Manny Pacquiao by unanimous decision with two judges scoring it 116-112 and a third judge scoring it 118-110. **TOUR DE FRANCE** British cyclist Chris Froome won the 2015 race with a 1:12 margin over Colombian runner-up Nairo Quintana. **FANS SHUT OUT** The Orioles decided to ban fans from the final game of the April, 2015 series against the White Sox due to protests and unrest in Baltimore. **WOMEN'S WORLD CUP** Team USA beat Japan with a final score of 5-2. **WINTER OLYMPICS** Beijing was chosen to host the 2022 Winter Games. **MAX SCHERZER** The Washington Nationals' pitcher became only the sixth of his kind in MLB history to pitch two no-hitters in one season. **KOBE BRYANT** The Lakers star announced in November that he would retire after the 2016 season. **BUFFALO BILLS** The team hired their first full-time female coach, Kathryn Smith.





MISS UNIVERSE FLOP Emcee Steve Harvey mistakenly announced Miss Colombia as the winner, but Miss Philippines actually won. **ADULT COLORING BOOKS** Intricately designed coloring books became a trend for adults for their ability to relieve stress. **SMOKING BAN** Hawaii became the first state to ban smoking to those under 21. **CALL ME CAITLYN** The former Bruce Jenner introduced herself to the world after her transformation. **NATIONAL SPELLING BEE** The contest ended in a tie for the second year in a row; Gokul Venkatachalam and Vanya Shivashankar shared the title. **#CUPGATE** Starbucks stirred up controversy when they revealed a minimalistic red cup during the holidays. Many took to social media, outraged that it was a stunt against Christmas. **PENGUIN SWEATERS** When asked, Australia's oldest man, Alfred Date, age 109, joined the cause "Knits for Nature" to knit tiny sweaters for penguins who fell victim to oil spills. **CHUCK TAYLOR ALL STAR II** Converse updated their iconic sneaker for the first time since 1917.

MUPPETS SPLIT Well-known Muppets couple Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog ended their 40-year relationship. **BARBIE REMODELED** After years of criticism for skewed body types and accusations of contributing to negative self-esteem in young girls, Mattel unveiled a variety of tall, petite and curvy dolls.

CHANGE & MORE



A SHIFT IN STANDARD NORMS MADE CONVERSATION STARTERS.

PLUTO Scientists created a false color image to show Pluto's distinctive regions of composition and texture. **ALIEN LIFE** Australian scientists discovered three planets around a red dwarf star; one sits far enough away to not get too hot, yet close enough for water to remain a liquid, suggesting that it could support life. **CLOCK TROUBLE** Ahmed Mohamed, 14, was handcuffed by police at his Dallas, TX area high school after building a homemade clock that was mistaken for a fake bomb. **PLASTIC BRICKS** In an attempt to find an alternative to their petroleum-based plastics by 2030, LEGO spent \$150 million on a new Sustainable Materials Center.



